



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 0028
2. NAME *The Rocks* (c.1884; 1913-14; 1950; 1960)
3. LOCATION 182-188 Grey Street, Albany
4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY
Albany Lots 1475, 1476 and 1477, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificates of Title Volume 2147 Folios 368 to 370 respectively.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Albany
6. OWNER Karen Birkbeck.
7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	05/06/1992
	Permanent Entry	01/04/1999
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	04/04/1977
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of the National Estate:	Permanent	26/10/1980
8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT
Under negotiation.
10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rocks, a large, two-storey, early Victorian style, stone and timber house, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place has state value for its use as a vice-regal residence, regional value, particularly for its time as a school hostel and considerable local historic value through its diverse uses associated with civic, military, medical, educational and community functions;

the place is associated with three Western Australian Governors, its original owner, W. G. Knight, World War One wounded soldiers, pupils who attended during its time as a girls' school, military staff who occupied the place during World War Two, the girls and women who lived there while it was a high school hostel and disabled persons who have used it as a holiday venue;

the place has played several important roles in Albany's history as house, vice-regal residence, hospital, school and hostel. Because of this and its long association with the local community, it contributes strongly to the community's sense of place;

the place is a fine example of a house built not just to house a well-to-do Victorian family, but also as a symbol of their authority and power within the town;

the quality of the views from the building and the grounds, and in particular the panoramic views provided by the width of the site, are notable; and,

the building is the only one of its kind in Albany and is unusual in the size of its grounds.