



## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3220
2. **NAME** *Paterson & Co Fruit Packing Shed Complex* (1937, 1983)
3. **LOCATION** 166-168 Hampton Street Cnr Bunbury Street, Bridgetown
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Lot 1 on Diagram 33634 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume: 1739 Folio: 622.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes
6. **OWNER** Charles Sullivan and Jennifer Wright
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 13/08/2004  
Permanent Entry 12/08/2005
  - National Trust Classification: -----
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 29/08/1996
  - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Paterson & Co Fruit Packing Shed Complex*, comprising the Packing Shed, a long rectangular single-storey utilitarian building with walls of weatherboards and asbestos cement sheeting and a galvanised corrugated iron roof (1937), the Office (fmr), a utilitarian office/shop front building of similar construction on a smaller scale (1937) now used as a Veterinary Hospital, and the Iron Clad Shed, a gable roofed shed with skillion section (undated), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the Packing Shed is a substantial, well designed industrial building and a representative example of 1930s industrial construction techniques, particularly through the use of a timber and steel structure to provide a single large space;

the Packing Shed is a rare example of a substantial purpose-built fruit packing shed of the 1930s, a relatively uncommon building function in Western Australia, and is also rare as one of the largest fruit packing sheds constructed in the State in the 1930s during a boom for the apple industry;

as a group of utilitarian buildings grouped beside the railway line and prominently sited within Bridgetown, the place provides evidence of the historical importance of the fruit growing industry and other commercial operations in the town, with the Packing Shed, Iron Clad Shed and Office (fmr) each contributing to the precinctual qualities of the site;

the Packing Shed was an innovative undertaking for the time due to the scale of the building, its construction without internal load bearing walls or pillars, and the installation of the most modern grading machinery available in Australia;

the place is a landmark, with a large building situated on a terrace above an area of open ground and a smaller building of similar construction below, all beside the South West Highway towards the outskirts of the town; and,

the place was associated with Paterson & Company Limited, an established import-export agency involved in the agricultural and pastoral industry in Western Australia.

The elements introduced as part of the renovation works, which divided the place into commercial units in 1983, have no significance.

The iron clad addition at the rear of the Veterinary Hospital building is intrusive.

Several smaller utilitarian buildings, which were on site during the original inspection in December 2002, have been removed. They included two toilets and structures associated with the former fuel depot on the site.