



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01843
2. **NAME** *Buckland Homestead & Farm Buildings (c.1836, 1844, 1853, 1874, 1876,)*
3. **LOCATION** Buckland Road, Irishtown, Northam
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**

That portion of Lot 60 on Plan 22888 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 2137 Folio 76 as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No 1843 as prepared by Warren King & Company and Midland Survey Services.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Northam
6. **OWNER** Anthony Laurence Marwick
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 20/02/2004
Permanent Entry 15/10/2004
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 05/05/1980
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 25/02/1998
 - Register of the National Estate: Registered 28/09/1982
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Buckland Homestead & Farm Buildings, comprising a double and single storey stone and corrugated iron homestead constructed in 1876 in Victorian Georgian style with Regency detailing, with two attached single storey cottages that make up the west wing (c.1836; 1844) and east wing (1853), a double storey stone and corrugated iron granary (1874) in Old Colonial Georgian style, and a single storey stone and corrugated iron

workers' cottage (c.1840-1874) in vernacular style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the homestead is a landmark on account of its setting, scale and tree-lined approach, and, together with the granary and workers' cottage, is a fine example of a mid- to late-nineteenth century farm complex representative of the formative nineteenth century pastoral settlement of the Avon Valley region;

the homestead of the place is a very fine representative example of a two-storey Victorian Georgian style rural residence, featuring Regency detailing, and the granary is a good example of an Old Colonial Georgian style farm building;

the place was constructed for the Dempster family, who were prominent in pastoral, agricultural and public affairs in Western Australia, particularly from the 1840s to the 1910s, and in particular James McLean Dempster, progenitor of the family in Western Australia, and Charles Edward Dempster, Member of Parliament in 1873-74 and 1894-1907, for whom Buckland was constructed as his family home;

the homestead provides an example of the contribution made by ex-convicts to the labour force in Western Australia in the later half of the 1800s, with the stone masons, carpenters and brick maker employed on construction of the building in the 1870s all former convicts;

the place is valued by the local and State-wide community for its historical associations with farming in the region, its association with the pioneering Dempster family who were prominent in the Avon Valley and for the historic and aesthetic associations of the homestead as a substantial rural residence of the 1870s.

The steel framed and clad outbuildings south of the homestead and granary, and the more recent dwelling east of the homestead are of no heritage significance.