



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 08561
2. **NAME** *John Forrest National Park* (1900, 1930s, 1950s, 1960s)
FORMER NAMES Greenmount National Park (1900), National Park, Darling Range (1930s-1947)
3. **LOCATION** Great Eastern Highway, Greenmount
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 Reserve 7537 comprising of Lot 68 on Deposited Plan 223133; Lot 10159 on Deposited Plan 215030; Lot 135 on Deposited Plan 190374; Lot 69 on Deposited Plan 223133; Lot 11664 on Deposited Plan 217947; Lot 127 on Plan 12526; Lot 136 on Plan 20268; Lot 12521 on Deposited Plan 192545 and lot 70 on Deposited Plan 223133 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Titles Volume: 3122 Folio: 560, Volume: 3120 Folio: 340, Volume: 3122 Folio: 563, Volume: 3122 Folio: 561, Volume: 3122 Folio: 559, Volume: 3094 Folio: 330, Volume: 3105 Folio: 439 Volume: 3086 Folio: 992 and Volume: 3122 Folio: 562 respectively.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Mundaring
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
 (State Government Agency in Control: Department of Conservation and Land Management)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places:

Interim Entry	27/06/2003
Permanent Entry	17/12/2004
<i>Permanent Entry (P2660 Eastern Rlwy Deviation - Part of the John Forrest National Park area is included in this registration)</i>	14/02/2003
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 21/03/1978
 - Town Planning Scheme:
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 22/04/1997
 - Register of the National Estate:

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

John Forrest National Park, a managed bushland park with features including a railway formation, tunnel, and archaeological sites, together with buildings, paths, four pre-1950s shelters and designed landscapes associated with the development of the National Park, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

established in 1900, *John Forrest National Park* was the first national park to be created in Western Australia and the fourth in Australia,

the earliest manmade landscape features and plantings at *John Forrest National Park* were established by sustenance workers as a result of an important project providing employment during the Great Depression at *John Forrest National Park* and Yanchep National Park, under the administration of the State Gardens Board, and financed through the philanthropy of Sir Charles and Lady McNess;

the place contains evidence of the *Eastern Railway Deviation* that runs through *John Forrest National Park*. Constructed under the guidance of C.Y. O'Connor, the Deviation was a successful endeavour to improve Western Australia's floundering railway system in the 1890s;

the place is a fine example of managed bushland and cultural landscape originally developed in accordance with philosophies of parkland management that no longer guide national park conservation, including features such as the 'fairy village' themed picnic area, weirs and rockwork in the managed landscape; and,

the place is highly valued as an outdoor recreation area by the community of Western Australia and by tourist visitors for aesthetic reasons, by virtue of its elevated location and topography, geology, and the numerous aesthetically pleasing vistas that are to be found in many locations. It is recognised and valued as the premier national park in Western Australia and contributes to the community's sense of place.

Toilet blocks and picnic shelters of the post World War Two period, and the Tavern and fee station, have little significance.