



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 05006
2. **NAME** *Lewana* (homestead, 1931; barn, 1931, c. 1957; forestry houses, relocated to Lewana, 1960; office, garage/workshop 1961; garages, 1965, 1969; dam, 1960, 2006; arboretum, 1969-70)  
**OTHER NAME** Lewana Cottages (c. 2001 -  
**FORMER NAMES** Lewana Settlement (1960-76); Lewana Park (1977-2001)
3. **LOCATION** 1435 Balingup-Nannup Road, Southampton
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Lots 1 & 2 on Diagram 26531 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2221 Folio 979.  
Lot 200 on Deposited Plan 301606 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2221 Folio 980.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup
6. **OWNER** Ben Albert Slyn & Melody Louise Slyn
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 13/03/2012  
Permanent Entry 17/08/2012
  - National Trust Classification: -----
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 22/09/1995
  - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Lewana*, set on a picturesque hillside on about 39 ha land surrounded by trees exhibiting impressive variety in both species and visual effect which includes an arboretum (1969-70) and pine plantation, also comprises a homestead house and barn (1931), five forestry cottages (relocated in 1960), a cabin (originally an office, 1960), a workshop (1961), seven single garages (1965, 1969), all

constructed of jarrah weatherboard with corrugated iron roofs in the vernacular style, and the concrete floor slab remains of a shop (c. 1958), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an especially picturesque property, where a group of simple vernacular timber buildings are set amongst a wide variety of mature exotic and indigenous tree plantings in a parkland formation, with simple gravel roads leading to a number of other distinctive arboreal elements, including an arboretum, within the wider setting of the scenic Blackwood Valley;

the place is a rare example of an intact former forestry settlement, that contains an extensive arboretum with more than 50 varieties of exotic and indigenous trees;

the trees planted throughout the place provide an extensive catalogue of productive and decorative exotic species suitable for cultivation in the southern area of the state;

the place has a high degree of social value to members of the public who stayed at the place during its time as a recreational facility (c.1976 - 2001) and more recently as Lewana Cottages holiday accommodation;

the place demonstrates the variety of land uses that have historically taken place in the southwest area of the state; and,

the place is part of a wider cultural landscape that saw large areas of the Blackwood valley transformed through the development of tree plantations in the 1950s-60s.

A steel shed constructed in c. 2004 on the site of the former tennis court (c. 1977) that contains a small cheese factory and retail outlet is considered to have little significance.