



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 08568
2. **NAME** *Lake Leschenaultia* (c.1898, 1961, 1989, 1996,)
FORMER NAME Chidlow's Well Reservoir
3. **LOCATION** Rosedale Road, Chidlow
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
That portion of Reserve 23165 being part of Lot 11073 on Deposited Plan 216998 and being part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3127 Folio: 66 as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia (HCWA) Survey Drawing No. 8568 prepared by HCWA and dated 20 May 2005.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Mundaring
6. **OWNER**
State of Western Australia
(Management Order to the Shire of Mundaring)
(Leased to William John Rebbettes (as to portion only))
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	30/07/2004
	Permanent Entry	03/06/2005
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	22/04/1997
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Lake Leschenaultia, which comprises a dam, recreational facilities, restaurant, picnic and camping areas and associated natural bushland forest reserve, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was constructed in c.1898 as an integral part of the Eastern Railway, a key infrastructure project that promoted the development of the Eastern Goldfields, and supplied water for trains on the line for almost 50 years;

the place was the largest reservoir constructed on the Eastern Railway line, and the only one subsequently developed for recreation;

the place has been a popular recreational venue since 1949, attracting large numbers of visitors from overseas, inter- and intra-State, and has played an important role in the lives of thousands of local children who learnt to swim in the Lake.

Items of no significance include the toilet blocks, two gazebos, timber jetty (1971), railway station and ticket office (c1989), and machinery shed (1990s).