



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES- Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 03084
2. **NAME** *Hamel Nursery (1897+)*
Other Name State Nursery at Drake's Brook
3. **LOCATION** Burney Road, Hamel
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 55310 being part of State Forest No. 60 and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3147 Folio 3 and Lot 501 on Deposited Plan 55310 being part of State Forest No. 60 and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3147 Folio 4 and as defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing 3084 prepared by Whelans
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Waroona
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(Responsible Agency. Department of Conservation and Land Management)
(Lease of portion of Hamel Lot 139 to Richard Francis Hordacre)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Permanent Entry	18/12/2007
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• National Trust Register of Significant Trees:	23 Cork oaks and 16 Camellias	05/11/1984
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	19/12/1995	28/02/2002
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Hamel Nursery, a cultural landscape comprising remnants of the original nursery (1897), the present day nursery (from 1917), the original and the Jubilee (Coronation) arboreta, the bridge over Sampson Brook (1900) the Pinetum and

Oakum (from 1929/30), the Inland Arboretum (1956), and surrounding landscape, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is the oldest surviving nursery in Western Australia and the second State Nursery established in Western Australia and includes the first arboreta in the State, the sites of one of the first experimental farms in the State and the first out-station established under Fremantle Prison for short term and near release prisoners;

the place was integral in the development of forest industries in the State, especially pine growing, and arboriculture over more than 80 years, and the establishment of public parks and gardens throughout the State for more than 60 years;

no other location in Western Australia has such a diverse and mature collection of trees as *Hamel Nursery* and the arboreta are rare and have scientific value as a record of the many exotic species introduced to Western Australia in the first half of the 20th century by the Government;

the place contains an unplanned juxtaposition of remnant exotic and indigenous trees and shrubs, resulting in a diverse and visually rich landscape; and,

the place was established by Conservator of Forests, John Ednie Brown, the founder of economic and scientific forestry in Australia and instigator of forestry systems in South Australia, New South Wales and Western Australia.

Existing buildings associated with the current nursery and dating from the 1960s have low significance. Ti-trees re-establishing along Sampson Brook are intrusive.