

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVENTORY

PLACE REFERENCE NO.: MP02 **NEW LISTING**

NAME: SWAN RIVER ROWING CLUBHOUSE

OTHER NAMES: --

PIN NO. (Landgate): 243595

LAND DESCRIPTION: Lot 1854, D/Plan 208889  
Certificate of Title Volume LR-3056  
Folio 225

LOCATION: 2 The Esplanade, Mount Pleasant

CONSTRUCTION DATE: early 1990s

PLACE TYPE: Recreation Clubhouse

USE: Original Use: Aboriginal site; then Clubhouse  
Current Use: Clubhouse

HERITAGE LISTINGS: - Department of Aboriginal Affairs Register of Aboriginal Sites Site ID 3538 'Canning River'.

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER:

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Late twentieth century Nostalgic

CONDITION: Sound.

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Clubhouse is a two-storey building, painted and rendered masonry at ground floor level, and framed and sheeted upper floor level. The roofs are clad in corrugated metal sheeting with half-timbered decorative gables. An observation deck at the upper level overlooks the Canning River rowing course. The Rowing Association of W.A. Clubhouse is located nearby to the south in a building of comparable bulk and architectural detail.

**HISTORICAL NOTES:**

The Beeliiar Nyoongars used these areas as campsites and hunting grounds. In the summer months the large variety of plants and animals in the area provided the Aborigines with an abundance of food and other resources. The Aboriginal name for the Canning River is 'Dyarlgarro' and for the mouth of the Canning River 'Wagoorjup' place of the Waugal.

The Swan River Rowing Club was started in 1885 and is now the second oldest Rowing Club in Western Australia, with the objects of promoting and encouraging best rowing practice including international competition.

**HISTORIC THEME/S (HCWA THEME/S):**

- Australian Historic Themes: 8.1.1 Playing and watching organised sports.
- HCWA Themes: 102 Aboriginal occupation  
405 Sport, recreation and entertainment.

**CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:**

Rendered and painted masonry, framed construction, corrugated metal roof cladding, coaching dinghies and oars.

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Swan River Rowing Clubhouse is significant as a rowing clubhouse and housing for single sculls, located on the bank of the Canning River at Mount Pleasant. The Club commenced in 1885 and is now the second oldest Rowing Club in Western Australia.

**SIGNIFICANT ITEMS:**

The present Rowing Club building and the site adjacent to the Canning River.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Considerable cultural heritage significance.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: Category A

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL CODE: National

MAIN SOURCES: • Swan River Rowing Club website.



**ASSESSMENT DATE:** 2013

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South building.