

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES — GUILDFORD

Statement by Minister for Heritage

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah — Minister for Heritage) [2.06 pm]: I am very pleased about this one! On 2 July 2019, it was my pleasure to enter the Guildford historic town in the state Register of Heritage Places, the first place to be registered under the new Heritage Act 2018. This entry will ensure that we celebrate Guildford's past while continuing to create a vibrant precinct where the Guildford community can live and work, and visitors to the area can interact with an important part of Western Australian history. Covering 287.4 hectares, the town site is the largest area to be recognised on the register to date.

Guildford was established in 1829 on the banks of the Swan and Helena Rivers known by the Whadjuk people as Mandoon. The town's highly authentic buildings illustrate five key periods in Western Australia's history: simple Georgian buildings from the foundation period of the colony, brick public buildings from the convict era, opulent buildings from the gold boom, and residential and civic buildings from the Federation and inter-war periods.

During the 1800s, Guildford's primary function was an inland port. Wool, sandalwood, timber and other farm produce from neighbouring and outlying agricultural districts were loaded onto boats at the Meadow Street wharf for transport to Fremantle.

The Guildford historic town was nominated by the City of Swan and its entry follows extensive engagement with the local community, including the Whadjuk working party, and advocacy on behalf of the community by Hon Michelle Roberts, MLA, member for Midland—a strong advocate! Entry in the state Register of Heritage Places reflects Guildford's unique nature in the metropolitan region, with a strong community sense of being a distinct town with pride in its history.