



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Register Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 03365
2. **NAME** Cape Peron K Battery Complex  
**FORMER NAME (or OTHER NAMES)** K' Australian Heavy Battery
3. **LOCATION** Point Peron Road, Peron [Rockingham]
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
  1. Part of Reserve 48968 being Portion of Lot 301 on Deposited Plan 48616 and being part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3140 Folio 959
  2. Part of Marine Reserve 5.
  3. Reserve 31488 being Lot 2238 on Deposited Plan 48616 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume LR3000 Folio 611
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Rockingham
6. **OWNER AT REGISTRATION**
  1. State of WA (Responsible Agency: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions; Management Order Holder: Conservation Commission of WA)
  2. State of WA (Responsible Agency: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions)
  3. State of WA (Responsible Agency: Western Australian Land Information Authority)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

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| • Register of Heritage Places:     | Interim    | 28/06/2019 |
|                                    | Registered | 13/10/2019 |
| • National Trust Classification:   |            | -----      |
| • Town Planning Scheme:            | TPS No. 2  | 25/03/2008 |
| • Municipal Inventory:             |            | -----      |
| • Register of the National Estate: | Permanent  | 30/05/1995 |
| • Aboriginal Sites Register        |            | -----      |
8. **ORDERS UNDER SECTION OF THE ACT**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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## 10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

*Cape Peron K Battery Complex*, comprising Gun Emplacements North and South and their associated and adjacent Ready Ammunition and Storage Bunkers, a Battery Observation Post, an Operations Centre, archaeological deposits in and around the structures, and other structures associated with the Battery, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was a component of Australia's coastal defence system erected in response to external threats during World War II and demonstrates the military importance of Cockburn Sound;

the place has been associated with the defence of Australia since its acquisition by the Commonwealth in 1916;

the place demonstrates technical achievement through its use of 'Panama Mounts'<sup>1</sup>, a versatile design that had the potential to achieve a 360° traverse to increase the capacity of its 155mm guns; and,

the place has potential for interpreting the extensive coastal defence system of Western Australia during World War II.

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<sup>1</sup> 'Panama Mounts' refer to the type of mount used by the US on the Panama Canal in the 1920s.