

Place number: 10

Place name	SITE: DARCH PROPERTY	
Address	Hepburn Avenue	
Suburb	Darch	
Lot No.	Plan:	Certificate of Title:
GIS		
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE		
The site of Darch Property is of historic significance, representing associations with the convict early settler Thomas Darch and his family, who contributed to the development of Wanneroo.		
Category 4: Less significance: a site or ruin that contributes to the history of the City of Wanneroo, but the significance is diminished due to only a ruin or site to represent the history.		
Recommend: Recognise and interpret the site.		
DESCRIPTION		
Vacant and developed sites.		
The dairy was located behind the old Darch house at the 12 1/2 mile peg, Wanneroo Road, Wangara.		
HISTORICAL NOTES		
In 1860, convict Thomas Sellick Darch leased a farm and commenced dairy farming near Lake Goollelal and the 11 mile peg on Wanneroo Road, on the site originally known as the Wesleyan Mission Farm.		
On 30 October 1860, Darch was granted his own brand for cattle and calves – registered as number 18 of Stock Brands.		
Thomas Darch died in 1864 and the Darch family continued to dairy farm for many years after.		
When widow Francis Darch married Harold Cockman, the property was subdivided between her three sons, Harold, Clarrie and Peter (Cyril).		
Peter (Cyril) Darch owned the area of the dairy farm and continued to run the dairy until it closed when he went to work for the Shire of Wanneroo in 1950.		
The dairy farm had become unviable, and the dairy cows had caused a few incidents when crossing Wanneroo Road for milking.		
The suburb Darch was approved in 1997, named after the Darch family.		

Extracted from the City of Wanneroo Local heritage Survey page 70.