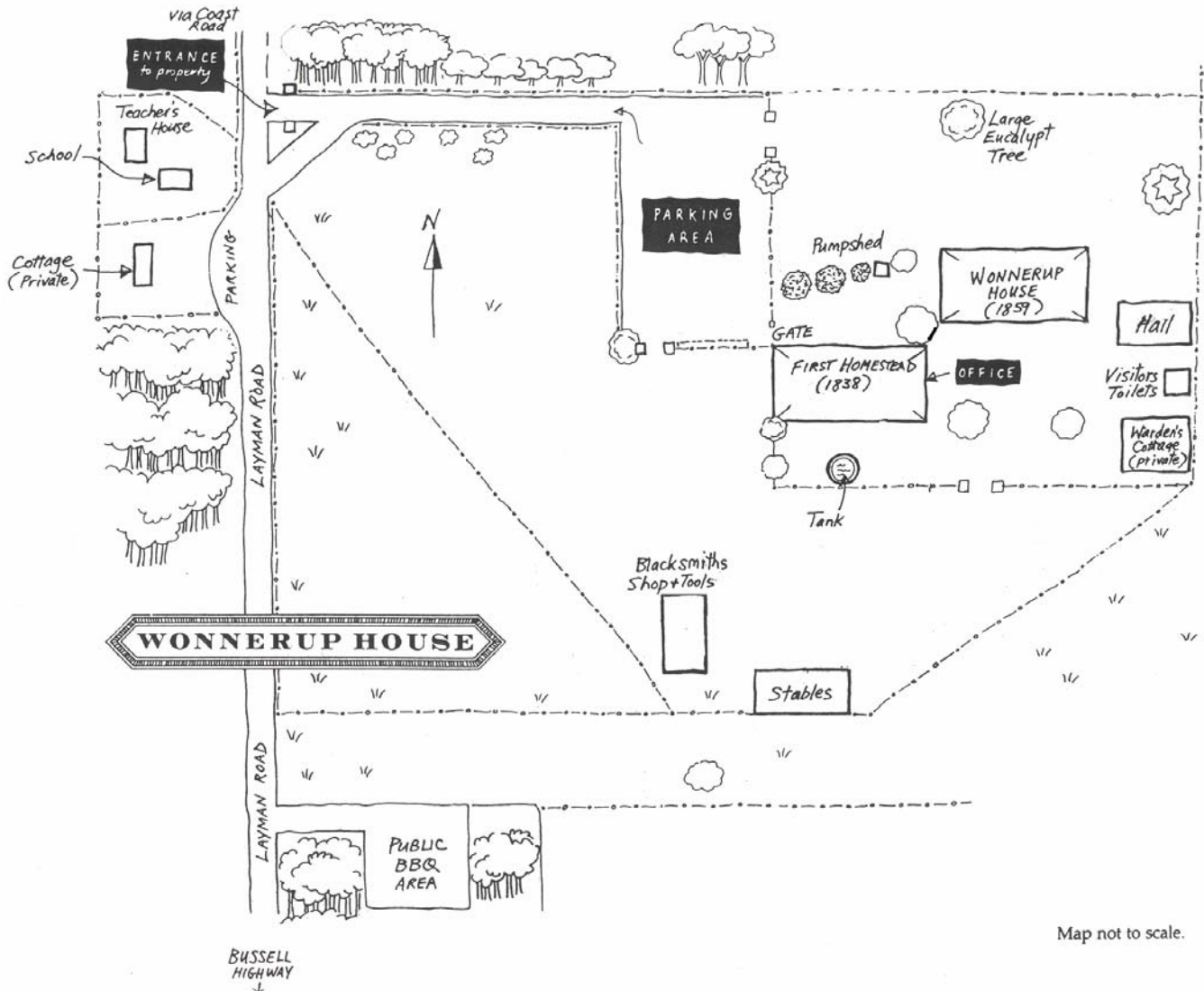




WONNERUP PIONEER SETTLEMENT AND ONE TEACHER SCHOOL

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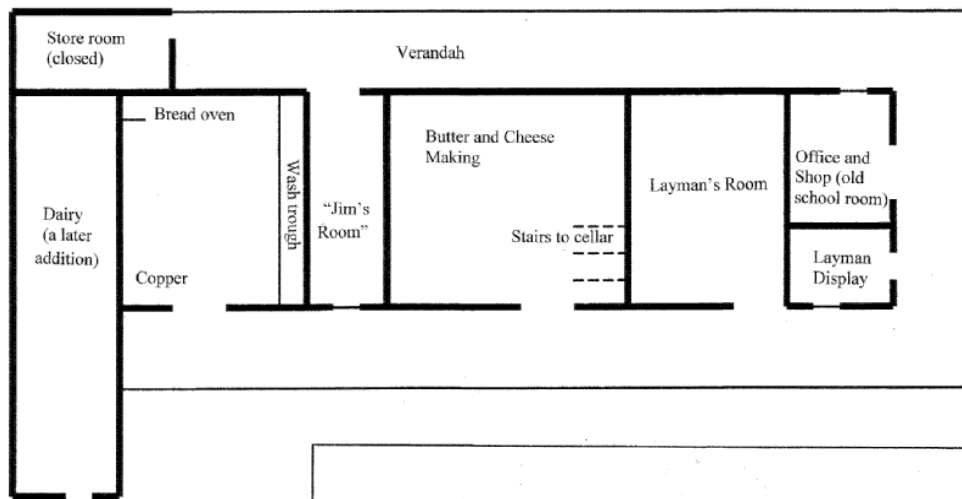
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Wonnerup Settlement is a significant heritage place that has been under the care of the National Trust of Australia (WA) since 1973. It has been conserved by the National Trust with the assistance of local volunteers: a process which is ongoing.

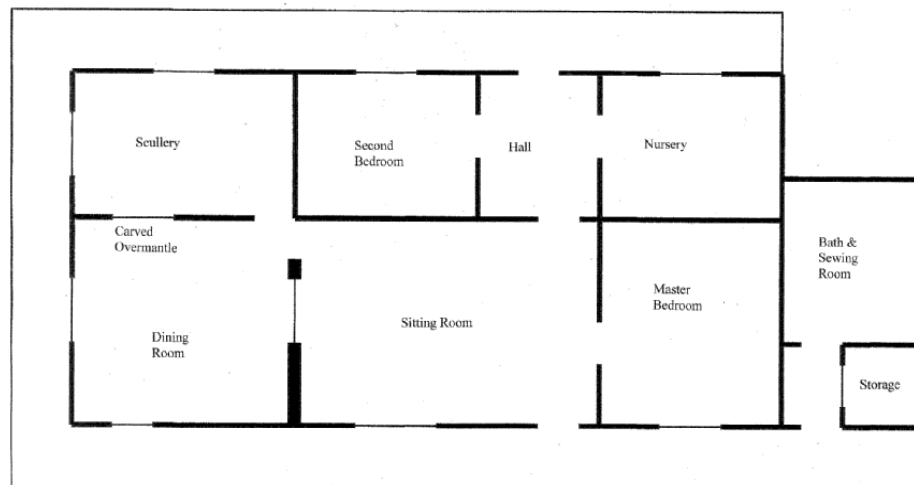
Wonnerup consists of a homestead (1859); an earlier house (1837) later converted to a dairy and kitchen; stables; blacksmith; a restored one-teacher school and teacher's residence.

Wonnerup is set in several acres of farm land with lawns and gardens surrounding the main buildings.

Wonnerup today has a small souvenir shop, toilets, picnic space and ample room for car and coach parking.



The **first homestead** was built by George Layman in 1838. It is now known as the dairy and kitchen.



The **later homestead** was built by George Layman II in 1859.

The **Wonnerup Settlement** is an important surviving example of early pioneer farm complex in Western Australia. The area was first settled in 1834 when the Bussell family moved from Augusta to the Vasse River region. The name is said to be derived from an Aboriginal word meaning 'place of the digging stick (pepper trees)'. Pioneer George Layman took up the Wonnerup land grant in 1837. Life was extremely hard. Clearing the land meant cutting the massive tuart trees with hand tools. In 1841 Layman intervened in a native dispute over rations. He was unable to resolve the dispute and was speared and died.

Despite this tragedy the Layman family persisted. The elder son, also named George, developed the farm with dairy cattle, horses, a piggery and vegetables. In 1859 he completed the new Wonnerup. This replaced the earlier house built by his father in 1838. The older building became the dairy and kitchen. The olive tree is thought to have been planted around 1870.

The **One Teacher School**. By 1874 a school was in operation across the track from Wonnerup. This one-room school had just one teacher. A very modest teacher's residence was built next door. The tiny school and residence is well worth the easy walk from the main buildings.



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