



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 13253
2. **NAME** *Railway Cottage (fmr), Bluff Point & Two Mile Well (1886; 1861)*  
FORMER NAME Gatekeeper's Cottage
3. **LOCATION** 308 Chapman Road, Bluff Point
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
  1. That portion of Lot 3046 on Deposited Plan 193132 being part of Reserve 7666 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3109 Folio: 274, together with
  2. Lot 2931 on Deposited Plan 190056 being the whole of Reserve 3651 and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3068 Folio: 551 as defined by Heritage Council of WA Survey Drawing No. 13253 prepared by Warren King & Company & Midland Survey Services.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Geraldton
6. **OWNER**
  1. State of Western Australia  
(Responsible Agency: Western Australian Government Railways Commission) (Leased to Celia Lofthouse)
  2. State of Western Australia (Vested in the City of Geraldton)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	20/02/2004
	Permanent Entry	12/11/2004
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	07/03/1995
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	23/06/1998
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

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**9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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**10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Railway Cottage (fmr), Bluff Point & Two Mile Well*, a single storey stone and iron vernacular cottage constructed in 1886, and a low stone wall structure with remains of a timber framed windlass, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the Cottage was one of a small number of houses built adjacent to road crossings on Government railway lines in the Colony in the 1880s and 1890s, as residences for the railway crossing gatekeepers, although it was never used specifically for this purpose;

the place is significant for its early association with the Geraldton-Walkaway railway from 1861 to 1995 and contributes to the local community's sense of place at its distinctive position at the Chapman Road railway crossing;

the Cottage, was constructed in 1886 as part of the Geraldton-Walkaway railway line, which was established by the Western Australian Colonial government as part of the rail link between Perth and the port at Geraldton;

the Cottage was built by railway contractor Edward Keane, who as well as constructing several hundred miles of railway lines in Western Australia, was also active in the public life of Western Australia, as member for Geraldton and Mayor of Perth; and,

the Cottage has some aesthetic value in the simple, well proportioned form and displays attractive detailing in the texture and openings of the masonry fabric.

The sheet metal clad lock-up garage to the north of the Cottage is of low significance.