



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 4637
2. **NAME** *Pemberton-Northcliffe Railway & Railway Station*
(1926, 1929-33)
OTHER NAME Pemberton Tramway and Railway Station
3. **LOCATION** Tramway between Pemberton and Northcliffe; Pemberton Station, Railway Crescent, Pemberton
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Portion of Pemberton Lot 116 and being part of Reserve 21116

Lot 289 on Deposited Plan 33537, being part of Reserve 46921 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3128 Folio 290

Lot 293 on Deposited Plan 33537, being part of Reserve 46921 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3128 Folio 294

Lot 298 on Deposited Plan 33537, being part of Reserve 46921 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3128 Folio 299

Lot 174 on Deposited Plan 34150 being Reserve 46741 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3129 Folio 397

Unnumbered Railway Reserve running from Crown Reserve 46921 in Pemberton to its termination at Muirillup Road in Northcliffe.

That portion of Nelson Location 2193 the subject of Plan 5456 being unnumbered Railway Reserve and being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 699 Folio 67

That portion of Nelson Location 2721 the subject of Plan 5456 being unnumbered Railway Reserve and being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 805 Folio 159

together as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 4637 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Manjimup
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(As to Reserve 21116: Management Order to Shire of Manjimup)
(As to remainder: Responsible Agency: Public Transport Authority)

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	07/09/2005
	Permanent Entry	07/09/2006
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	08/07/1996
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	10/07/1997
• Statewide Railway Heritage Survey		01/03/1994
• Register of the National Estate:		-----

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Pemberton-Northcliffe Railway & Railway Station, comprising a standard plan timber and iron railway station and associated buildings at Pemberton, and a 3 ft. 6 ins. gauge railway line, 36 km. in length, between Pemberton and Northcliffe, including seven timber, steel and concrete construction railway bridges, and the remains of Northcliffe Station, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an integral part of a cultural landscape associated with inter-war Group Settlement projects and the timber industry, and through its continuing function as an operational railway provides visual access to re-growth Karri trees, forest and farmland settings of high aesthetic and natural value;

the place has some of the finest timber bridge construction in Western Australia and displays technical innovation and achievement for railway construction in particularly difficult terrain;

Warren River Bridge is rare as a substantial extant timber trestle bridge, being a finely constructed and picturesque timber structure 127 metres in length and ten metres in height, laid to a curve, and comprising four tall pile timber trestles;

the place was constructed from 1926 to 1933 as a transport link essential for the development of district, supporting Group Settlements, the timber industry and subsequently developed agricultural areas for more than 50 years, and was an important element in the network of State railways in the South-West of Western Australia;

the place was an expensive public works project that provided local employment during the Great Depression;

the place includes a concentration of large bridges that is rare in the Western Australian railway network, having seven railway bridges within a short distance of Pemberton, six of which are timber trestle and transom-top bridges over five metres in height;

Pemberton Railway Station is rare as an extant inter-war timber railway station still operating as a station building; and,

since re-opening as Pemberton Tramway in 1987, the place has become

a popular tourist attraction, valued by intrastate, interstate and international visitors.

Modern siding structures are of little significance.