



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 02341
2. **NAME** *Roebourne Primary School and Quarters (fmr)* (1891, 1953)
OTHER NAMES Yaandina Babies and Children's Centre & Old School, Roebourne
3. **LOCATION** Hampton Street, Roebourne
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Roebourne Lot 51 on Diagram 2788, being Crown Reserve 1564 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3071 Folio 463.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Roebourne
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(vested in the Minister for Community Welfare)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	16/10/1992
	Permanent Entry	30/08/2002
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	06/03/1984
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	04/09/1990
• Register of the National Estate:	Permanent	16/10/1992
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Roebourne Primary School & Quarters (fmr), comprising two tuckpointed random-rubble Karratha stone buildings with concrete block quoining to walls and reveals, and corrugated iron hipped roofs; the schoolroom's extending over the verandah on all sides, is of cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

it contains the earliest extant school buildings in the north-west of Western Australia and is a rare example of extant stone school and quarters in the State;

the place makes an important visual contribution to the Hampton Street streetscape and to the precinct of buildings which are part of the original Roebourne townsite;

the place makes a significant contribution to an understanding of the history of the settlement of the north west of Western Australia generally and the town of Roebourne in particular;

the primary school building illustrates early attempts to provide a structure suitable for the climate, with one long room cross ventilated by numerous windows, and a natural airflow tower (no longer extant);

it represents the architectural style and philosophy of substantial and formal stone structures which was applied to government buildings in the region in the late nineteenth century;

the place represents the dominant trend of providing for the European community without consideration of the needs of the indigenous inhabitants of the area, and,

in its recent history the use of the place for Aboriginal community support purposes is an important reflection of the changing character of and changing demographic of services in Roebourne.

All other site elements and structures aside from the 1891 *Roebourne Primary School & Quarters (fmr)*, mature trees and remnants of the picket fence and gate to Hampton Street are of little significance, whilst the hostel building and two-roomed structure and verandah enclosure to the former headmaster's quarters building are considered to be intrusive.