



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01280
2. **NAME** *District Superintendent's House (fmr)* (c.1898; c.1938; 1955-1970s)
OTHER NAMES District Engineer's House, District Engineer's Office, Singlemen's Quarters
3. **LOCATION** 2 Forrest Street, Kalgoorlie
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
That portion of unnumbered railway reserve as is defined by Heritage Council of Western Australia survey Drawing No 1280 as prepared by Cadgraphics WA.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
6. **OWNER**
State of Western Australia
(Vested in the Western Australian Government Railways Commission)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	26/08/2003
	Permanent Entry	20/02/2004
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	13/06/1978
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	31/10/1995
• Register of the National Estate:	Registered	21/10/1980
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
District Superintendent's House (fmr), a brick and iron residence in the Federation Bungalow style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is rare as one of a few remaining residences built for a senior railway officer, other than a station master, on a railway station reserve;

the size and style of the place reflects the importance of the District Superintendent's position, being the most substantial railway

residence constructed in Kalgoorlie, and one of the more substantial in the State;

the place is a fine example of an 1890s brick and iron Federation Bungalow residence demonstrating aesthetic qualities in the simple massing, broad roof planes and surrounding verandahs;

the place demonstrates Kalgoorlie's importance as a railhead established during the gold boom period of the 1890s and its development as a significant railway centre on the Eastern Goldfields and Transcontinental lines;

the place is a substantial, permanent structure built prior to the establishment of a permanent water supply in Kalgoorlie, which demonstrates the Government's early aspirations for the long term viability of the town; and,

the place is an important element in the collection of buildings and structures that form the Kalgoorlie railway precinct which contributes to the community's sense of place, and contrasts with the modest stone cottages further west on Forrest Street.

Internal office partitioning and fixtures, side verandah enclosures and outbuildings are of little heritage significance.

The railway precinct in the station yard on the Forrest Street frontage also includes 1897 stone & iron station buildings and platform, 1897 stone platelayer's cottage, 1897 stone and iron Station Master's house, 1900 iron parcel's office, and 1920 war memorial, all of which have a high degree of significance, but have not been included in this assessment. On the opposite side of Forrest Street, the 1934 brick & iron railway institute is also of high significance. A number of workers' houses, constructed from 1901 to 1952, are situated along the Wittenoom Street side of the reserve.