



## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Register Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 11888
2. **NAME** Djuringe<sup>1</sup> Mooranoppin, Kellerberrin  
(c.1920/1950) [wider site in use pre-contact period]  
  
FORMER NAME (or OTHER NAMES) Djuringe Aboriginal Mission and Reserve (fmr) – sites; Old Jiriny Mission; Djurian Mission; Woolundra; Djuringe Reserve; Mooranoppin Nature Reserve.
3. **LOCATION** Cnr Goldfields & Mission Roads, Kellerberrin
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
  1. Lot 1 on Diagram 28120 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1264 Folio 881; Portion of Lot 3666 on Deposited Plan 105013, Portion of Lot 10769 on Deposited Plan 254242, Portion of Lot 1137 on Deposited Plan 255295, together being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1510 Folio 933;
  2. Reserve 21153 being Lot 17066 on Deposited Plan 254245 and being the whole of the Land in Crown Land Title Volume 3076 Folio 4;
  3. Lot 50 on Diagram 12357 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1082 Folio 573.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Kellerberrin
6. **OWNER AT REGISTRATION**
  1. Doheny Pty Ltd.
  2. State of Western Australia  
(Responsible Agency: Department of Lands; Management Order Holder: Kellerberrin Aboriginal Progress Association Inc.)
  3. Aboriginal Lands Trust.

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<sup>1</sup> The wider place is referred to as Mooranoppin Nature Reserve in various sources probably due to named sites in the area (e.g. Mooranoppin Rock). However, the name for the place preferred by the local community is 'Djuringe', for which there are a number of alternate spellings e.g. Jiriny, Djurin, Djuurrin. The Department has used the spelling that most closely represents the phonetic pronunciation of the site name as related to us by the local Noongar community.

## 7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Registered	23/01/23
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Local Planning Scheme – Heritage List:		-----
• Local Heritage Survey:		19/05/1998
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
• Aboriginal Sites Register	Registered	5070, 5071, 5069, 15140

## 8. ORDERS UNDER SECTION OF THE ACT

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## 9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

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## 10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

*Djuringe Mooranoppin, Kellerberrin*, comprising the Mooranoppin Nature Reserve/Djuringe Reserve, which contains Aboriginal art sites, water sources, ceremonial areas, Aboriginal camp sites, burials and a former Aboriginal Reserve (c.1934), the archaeological remains of the former United Aborigines' Mission (c.1947) and Church, former 'Native' School (c.1942), and a number of grave sites, six of which are marked by iron crosses, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is representative of the continuation of traditional Aboriginal culture and practices despite the historical legacy of racially discriminatory government policies enacted to control and segregate Aboriginal people;

the place holds a high degree of social value for those who lived at the reserve/mission, and for the local Noongar community;

the place represents the State government practice of establishing Aboriginal reserves adjacent to traditional Aboriginal occupation areas in an attempt to encourage Aboriginal populations to relocate there, and the subsequent establishment of missions at these locations;

the place contains archaeological material relating to the occupation period of the mission, reserve, and traditional use of the land for thousands of years prior to British colonisation, which together represent a complex combination of both anthropological and archaeological sites that demonstrate the continuity of Aboriginal tradition in the area to the present day (2022);

the graves known to exist at the site hold a high level of significance to the local Aboriginal community as burial sites; and,

the place demonstrates the continuing involvement of religious organisations in Aboriginal communities, particularly with regard to education, and attempts to 'Christianise' the Aboriginal population.