



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Interim Entry

1. **NUMBER** 3230
2. **NAME** *Cossack School*
3. **LOCATION** Fraser St, Cossack
4. **DESCRIPTION OF ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY (GENERAL)**

A single storey stone building constructed in 1896-97 to replace the original school which was destroyed by a cyclone.

5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Roebourne
6. **OWNER**
7. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE (ASSESSMENT IN DETAIL)**

The place has been assessed by the Australian Heritage Commission and has been entered in the Register of the National Estate with the following statement of significance:

The stone structures and buildings still in existence are a reminder of an important colonial port during the period 1872 until the transfer of the port to Point Samson.

The place has also been assessed by the Building Management Authority in the course of preparing a conservation proposal for the buildings at Cossack with the following statement of significance:

CREATIVE AND TECHNICAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

Soundly constructed under adverse conditions, the buildings demonstrate robust yet sophisticated detailing of brick, stone and concrete.

Surviving documentation shows a high level of recognition of the cyclonic conditions, with well detailed and executed holding down devices.

DEMONSTRATION OF A WAY OF LIFE

The buildings are representative of typical government buildings of the late 1800's to the turn of the century. They demonstrate the activities of the port and reflect civic and social needs of the developing community at Cossack during this period.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Cossack was the first port in the North West of Western Australia. It was officially named in 1871 by Governor Weld on his visit in HMS Cossack. The buildings demonstrate the town's historical role as a port of Roebourne (linked

by tramway) and surrounding areas involved with pearling, pastoral and mining industries.

TOWNSCAPE

The grouping of civic buildings shows how scale, form and fabric are tools for establishing relationships between the buildings and their setting in order to reinforce the quality of both.

SCARCITY/UNIQUENESS

The buildings represent the last remaining physical evidence of the townsite which demonstrates its cultural and historical significance in the history of Western Australia.

8. REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES (DATE OF GAZETTAL)

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9. CONSERVATION ORDER

10. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

11. REFERENCES

Register of the National Estate