



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Interim Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 15408
2. **NAME** *Upper Gascoyne Road Board Office (fmr)* (1912-13; 1924; 1932; 1941; 1961; 1962)
3. **LOCATION** Scott Street, Gascoyne Junction
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Gascoyne Junction Lot 4, being part of Crown Reserve 14327 and being part of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3000 Folio 932.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Upper Gascoyne
6. **OWNER** Shire of Upper Gascoyne
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	20/10/2000
	Permanent Entry	15/12/2000
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Upper Gascoyne Road Board Office (fmr)*, a single storey timber and iron building in the Federation Bungalow style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
 

the place is an uncommon extant example of a standard kit construction building which was readily available in the pre-World War One period;

manufactured in Western Australia by the largest Western Australian timber company of the period, Millars timber and Trading Company Limited, the place has the potential to contribute to an understanding of the design and construction of such timber buildings in Western Australia in the period prior to World War One;

the place is a simply expressed building in the Federation Bungalow style. While its design is not exceptional, its proportions and arrangement of elements are visually pleasing;

the place was the first Road Board Office constructed in the Upper Gascoyne district, and served in this use for more than forty years. As the area was reliant solely on road transport, the establishment of a Road Board in the district was very important. Subject to annual flooding, roads required heavy maintenance to maintain links between remote pastoral properties;

from its construction in 1912/3 until the 1950s, the place *Upper Gascoyne Road Board Office (fmr)* served as the meeting place for various local associations, including the Upper Gascoyne Progress Association and the Upper Gascoyne branch of the Pastoralists' Association;

the first Government school in the district was located in the building from 1960 to 1965;

as the oldest extant public building in the Shire, the *Upper Gascoyne Road Board Office (fmr)* contributes to the local community's sense of place;

the place is highly valued by the local community for its associations with the development of the region, as evidenced by the efforts by the community to repair the building for its most recent use as a local museum; and,

the place is associated with numerous people well known and prominent in the district, in particular Bill Scott, first Chairman of the Upper Gascoyne Roads Board, Bill Cream, Chairman of the Board (1914 to 1929), Walter Smith, first Secretary of the Board, and his son, Noel Smith, who also served as Secretary of the Board.