



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 1577
2. **NAME** *Merredin Railway Station Group* (1893+)
COMPRISING Water Tower (1893, 1997)
Signal Cabin (1913, 1915, c. 1978)
Refreshment Rooms with cellar (1915, 1927, c. 1978)
Waiting Rooms (1920, c. 1978)
Parcels Office (1927, c. 1978)
3. **LOCATION** Great Eastern Highway, Merredin
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
That portion of Merredin Lot 50, being part of Crown Reserve 10359 and being part of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3023 Folio 967 as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 1577 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing and Cruickshank Pty. Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Merredin
6. **OWNER** Minister for Railways.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	27/11/1998
	Permanent Entry	26/02/1999
• National Trust Classification:	Recorded	09/08/1976
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Merredin Railway Station Group, comprising a timber Water Tower and square tank, a timber Signal Cabin on a steel stand, a brick and tile Refreshment Rooms with cellar, a brick and iron Waiting Rooms, and a brick and tile Main Station Building, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is one of the most complete and authentic groups of railway buildings in Western Australia and is capable of demonstrating functions that are no longer practised;

the place has a landmark setting in the Merredin town and contributes to the townscape and character of Merredin and to the local and the wider community's sense of place. Each place within the group is valued for its individual aesthetic characteristics, and together the structures form a significant group;

the place illustrates the importance of the railway system in the development of agricultural areas and their supporting townships in regional Western Australia. The development of the individual elements within the group reflects the growth of the town and the railway system;

the place is highly valued by the Merredin community as a reminder of Merredin's past as an important railway junction. The place was the centre of Western Australian Government Railway's maintenance operations on the Eastern Goldfields Railway from 1904 to 1969;

the Water Tower and associated railway dam illustrate the difficulties of providing rail transport over long distances in Western Australia in the days of steam engines; and,

the Signal Cabin and the Water Tower are fine examples of their type and one of the few remaining.

The fence along the platform edge is considered to be an intrusive element.

While the railway dam has important associations with the place, it has not been included in this assessment as it is located at some distance from the Railway Station Group.