



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
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REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 8554
2. **NAME** *Leithdale* (c.1898; 1983)
OTHER NAME Leithdale Hostel
3. **LOCATION** 5 - 7 Lukin Avenue, Darlington
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 21 on Diagram 45052 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1357 Folio 580
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Mundaring
6. **OWNER** Cheryle Vicky Sinclair
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 18/02/2005
Permanent Entry 17/02/2006
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 22/4/1997
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Leithdale, a single storey brick and iron residence, in the Federation Queen Anne style together with a stone dairy, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an excellent and relatively intact example of a Federation Queen Anne house;

the place was the home of Mollie Skinner, a Western Australian author of the 1920s – 1940s, and in 1922 hosted D.H. Lawrence, a prominent English novelist, who assisted Ms Skinner with her writing while staying at the place and collaborated with her to write *The Boy from the Bush*;

the place was constructed for John Allpike, who developed the property as a winery in the 1890s and was one of Darlington's earliest residents; and,

the place represents the development of Darlington from an agricultural area to a popular holiday area during the 1920s and 1930s.

The new extensions on the eastern side of the house, together with the below ground pool and the new brick buildings to the north-east of the house are all considered to have little significance.