

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 00767

2. NAME Norseman Post Office (1897; 1959)

3. LOCATION 82 Prinsep Street cnr Ramsay Street, Norseman

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY

Norseman Lot 48 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1967 Folio: 765

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Dundas

6. OWNER Mark Thomson and Joanne Russell

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

 R 	egister of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	09/05/2003
		Permanent Entry	09/09/2003
• N	lational Trust Classification:	Classified	08/03/1994
• T	own Planning Scheme:		
• N	Iunicipal Inventory:	Adopted	14/08/1995
 R 	egister of the National Estate:	-	

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Norseman Post Office a single-storey stone building with a corrugated iron hipped roof, constructed in 1897 in Federation Bungalow style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was an integral part of a network of telegraph stations that operated between 1897 and 1927, linking Western Australia with the eastern states and overseas through Adelaide;

the place has provided a continuous postal service to the town of Norseman and the surrounding pastoral and mining district since 1897, and is important to the local community as a place of social interaction and communication and for associations with the early goldfield history of the region;

the place was constructed in 1897 as a repeater station <u>and post office</u> on the inland telegraph line, established in 1896 to carry the increased telegraph traffic generated by the gold boom;

the place is a fine representative example of Federation Bungalow style architecture using local stone, and is a significant cultural element in the townscape of Norseman for its pleasing scale and proportion and prominent corner location; and,

the place was designed by the PWD under Chief Architect George Temple Poole, who was responsible for many fine public buildings in the State during a period of growth from 1885 to 1896.

The asbestos clad laundry structure and the garage at the rear of the site are of little heritage significance.