



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 12414
2. **NAME** *Railway Barracks, Wongan Hills (1914; 1920-1921)*
OTHER NAMES Enginemen's barracks; Trainmen's barracks
3. **LOCATION** Fenton Street, Wongan Hills
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 Portion of unnumbered railway reserve on Plan 3206 (Sheet 17) situated in the townsite of Wongan Hills as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 12414 prepared by Steffanoni, Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Wongan-Ballidu
6. **OWNER** Western Australian Government Railways Commission
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	27/12/2002
	Permanent Entry	17/10/2003
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	17/09/1998
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Railway Barracks, Wongan Hills, a standard pattern one-storey timber framed and clad railway barracks in Western Australia constructed in 1914 and considerably enlarged in 1920 and 1921, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
 - the place is one of less than ten remaining and intact examples of an early railway barracks in Western Australia;
 - the place illustrates the working conditions of the railwaymen who operated the trains and the facilities that had to be provided for them along the country rail routes in order for the service to function;

the place, together with the station buildings, water tank and stand pipe, stationmaster's house, and goods shed, is part of the railway reserve precinct in Wongan Hills and makes a significant contribution to the cultural environs of the precinct and the railway history of the town;

the place was built in 1914 as a result of the construction of the Northam-Mullewa railway line, which was part of the State Government's proactive approach to open up the State to farming; and,

the place demonstrates a landmark quality in the scale and distinctive form of the place. It has an impact on vistas north and south through the main street of Wongan Hills and makes significant contribution to, and is an integral element within, the cultural environs of the railway precinct within which it is located.