



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No** 2319
2. **NAME** *Roebourne Police Station and Gaol Precinct* (1886 -1980s)
3. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Roebourne Lots 11, 748 and 750, comprised in Reserve 3357.
4. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Roebourne
5. **LOCATION** Queen Street, Roebourne  
Lot Roebourne 11 OP Roebourne 3/3
6. **OWNER** Minister for Works
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 16/10/1992
  - Permanent Entry 20/10/1995
  - National Trust Classification: 04/11/1974
  - Shire of Roebourne Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Register of National Estate: 21/03/1978
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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### 10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE.**

*Roebourne Police, Court House and Gaol Precinct* comprises the Court House (1886) (B1), 1887 Cell Block (B2), Kitchen Day Room (1887) (B3), 1887 Quarters (B4), Smaller 1896 Cell Block (B5), Larger 1896 Cell Block (B6), Police Station (1896) (B7), 1896 Lockup (B8), Warder's Quarters (B9), Gaoler's Quarters (1896) (B10), House of Police Officer in Charge (1960s) (B11), Police Recreation Block (1980s) (B12), 1981 Lockup (B13), Garage and Charge Room (1981) (B14), Sobering Up Centre (1960s) (B16) and the Dry Stone Retaining Walls (1890s) which separate the differing levels of the Precinct, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:-

the place is of cultural significance as a modified landform and built environment comprising: buildings, walls plantings and open space reflecting its period of development as a Government Reserve associated with the administration of the law;

the place is closely associated with the construction of public works in the North West Region of Western Australia;

the place is also associated with the diverse activities of the town during the time of the closure of the Gaol: the town Power House; the motor repair shop; the town freezer; the oil company; and, Country Water Supply depots;

the fabric of the place demonstrates a sense of aesthetic harmony achieved through the use of local stone in the walls and corrugated iron roofs;

the buildings have technical interest in the adaptations to the climate of their designs;

the place has aesthetic qualities through the use of stone work and corrugated iron composed into satisfying architectural forms;

the place is a landmark when viewed from the southern approach to the town;

the place is held in high esteem by local groups within the town and by people in the state at large and is used as a learning centre by local groups; and,

the place is a rare example of a complex embracing the functions of Police Station, Court House, and formerly those of the Gaol, which is divided into discrete zones by the dry stone retaining walls.

## **11. REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES (DATE OF GAZETAL)**

Interim Entry 16/10/92

Permanent Entry 20/10/95