



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 15865
2. **NAME** *Wittenoom Street Railway Houses (1902-1952)*
3. **LOCATION** 1-5 Wittenoom Street, Kalgoorlie
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
That portion of unnumbered railway reserve as is defined by Heritage Council of Western Australia survey Drawing No 15865 prepared by Cadgraphics WA.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(Vested in the Western Australian Government Railways Commission)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 26/08/2003
Permanent Entry 19/03/2004
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Wittenoom Street Railway Houses, a group of four railway houses comprising: a standard brick and iron railway house of Federation Bungalow style (1902); a weatherboard, asbestos and iron residence (c.1910); a standard Improved Mill type timber and iron railway house (1938) of Inter-War Californian Bungalow style; and, a standard Henry Martin type timber-framed asbestos and iron railway house (1952), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a rare grouping of four individual examples of different forms of railway housing provided by Western Australian Government Railways for its employees and represents the changing social and economic situations effecting the provision of such housing between 1902 and 1952;

the place, together with the stone station master's house and platelayer's cottage (1897) and the brick District Superintendent's house (c.1898), forms an important group of railway accommodation in Kalgoorlie;

construction of the place (1902-1952) to provide accommodation for railway employees at Kalgoorlie is indicative of the town's importance as a railhead established during the gold boom period of the 1890s and its development as a significant railway centre on the Eastern Goldfields and Transcontinental lines;

the place contributes to the aesthetic values of the railway environment in which it is located by its close proximity to the railway line, the relationship between the District Superintendent's House at 2 Forrest Street on the south side of the line and 1 Wittenoom St on the north side, which are both brick constructions of a similar style and period (1898-1902), and the contrast between the earlier (1902-c.1910) and later (1938-1952) residences in the group; and,

the place contributes to the local community's sense of place as a part of the railway history of the town.

The various outbuildings, specifically the sheds at No. 1, detached steel-framed carport at No. 1A, weatherboard clad toilets and laundries at No. 3, and brick toilet, weatherboard clad laundry and detached steel-framed carport at No. 5, are of little heritage significance.

The railway precinct in the station yard on the Forrest Street frontage also includes 1897 stone & iron station buildings and platform, 1897 stone platelayer's cottage, 1897 stone and iron Station Master's house, c.1898 brick & iron District Superintendent's house, 1900 iron parcel's office, and 1920 war memorial, all of which have a high degree of significance, but have not been included in this assessment. On the opposite side of Forrest Street, the 1934 brick & iron railway institute is also of high significance.