HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

PERMANENT ENTRY

1. DATA BASE No. **2801**

2. NAME *Our Lady of Montserrat, Southern Cross* (1936)
FORMER NAME St Joseph's Catholic Church; Domus Di

3. LOCATION 50 Altair Street, Southern Cross

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY

Lot 438 on Deposited Plan 223125 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 994 Folio 48.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Yilgarn

6. OWNER AT PERMANENT REGISTRATION

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	17/01/2012
	Permanent Entry	17/08/2012
• National Trust Classification:		----------
• Town Planning Scheme:	High Level of Protection	16/05/1997
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	16/05/1997
• Register of the National Estate:		----------

8. ORDERS UNDER SECTION 38 OR 59 OF THE ACT

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9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

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10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Our Lady of Montserrat, Southern Cross, a red face brick church with an iron roof and central imposing brick tower, displaying characteristics of the Interwar Art Deco style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is unique in Western Australia and rare in Australia as a monumental Art Deco style church, and is a fine example of a church designed in this style;

the place is an imposing landmark building that is particularly notable for its large scale in a relatively small and remote country town;

the place is indicative of the growth of Southern Cross and its importance to the State during the Great Depression when the revival of gold mining played an important role in the economic revival of the State and the Nation;

the place, substantially funded by personal donations from Spain and erected at a time when the Southern Cross Catholic Parish was under the auspices of the Spanish-influenced New Norcia Benedictine Community, is a continuing reminder of the historic links between Spain and parts of the Western Australian Catholic community.

The adjacent 1975 presbytery is of little significance.