HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 01474

2. NAME Barnes Federal Theatre (fmr) (1899)

OTHER NAME(S) Leonora Community Telecentre

Leonora Town Hall

3. LOCATION Lot 71 Tower St, Leonora

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY

Lot 71 on Deposited Plan 222749 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1813 Folio 645, Lot 72 on Deposited Plan 222749 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 966 Folio 188 and portion of Leonora Lot 71 the subject of Diagram 11927 and being the whole of the land contained in certificate of Title Volume 1076 Folio 509.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Leonora

6. OWNER Leonora Tourist Committee Incorporated

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	03/06/2005
	Permanent Entry	26/05/2006
• National Trust Classification:		----------
• Town Planning Scheme:		----------
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	17/02/1998
• Register of the National Estate:		----------

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

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9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

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10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Barnes Federal Theatre (fmr), a purpose built single storey Federation Free Classical theatre, constructed of local stone and corrugated iron, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an unusual and distinctive example of a West Australian theatre designed in the Federation Free Classical style, and the only remaining building in Leonora constructed of local stone;

the place was constructed as a result of the discovery of Gold in the Leonora District in 1894 and the subsequent increase in the population of Leonora;

the place is important in demonstrating the establishment and subsequent development of a public entertainment hall and associated activities in the small remote northeastern goldfields town of Leonora in 1899 and is valued by the Leonora community for its provision of recreational and entertainment activities from 1899 to 1926; and,

the place is a landmark building on account of its prominent location on Tower Street and its distinctive architectural style, contributing to the streetscape and townscape of Leonora, and the sense of place of the local and wider communities.

The transportable building at the rear of *Barnes Federal Theatre (fmr)* is of no heritage significance.