HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 01221

2. NAME *Dr Bartlett's Residence (fmr) & Surrounds (*1860s; 1897; c.1944)

OTHER NAMES Smith's Mill, Denison House, The Monastery, Benedictine Retreat

3. LOCATION Ocean Drive, Port Denison

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY

That part of Lot 688 in Deposited Plan 232249, being part of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1948 Folio 691 as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 1221 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Irwin

6. OWNER The Benedictine Community of New Norcia Inc.

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	27/06/2003
	Permanent Entry	16/12/2003
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	09/05/1983
• Town Planning Scheme:		----------
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	10/03/1998
• Register of the National Estate:		----------

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

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9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

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10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dr Bartlett's Residence (fmr) & Surrounds, comprising mill site and ruins (1860s), single-storey stone residence in Federation Bungalow style (1897) with stone terraces and terraced plantings, and chapel and stone water tank (c.1944), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

> the residence is a fine and unusual example of the Federation Bungalow style in a verdant setting on the bank of the Irwin River. The terraced gardens display creativity and achievement of design in integrating the house with the riverbank and natural bush setting and

forms a picturesque landmark when viewed across the Irwin River from the Dongara township;

the place is part of the early settlement of the Dongara area, specifically with the provision of flour milling from 1867 to the late 1880s, and district health services from 1896 to c.1930, and, latterly, with the Benedictine community of New Norcia;

the elements of the place have considerable aesthetic value as individual components, in particular for the style of the main buildings, use of local natural materials and harmony with the bush setting, as well as for their contribution to the picturesque natural and planted setting on the banks of the Irwin River;

the place is an integral part of the historic town of Dongara. Associated with one of the earliest industries in the town, the mill site and ruins are indicative of the importance of wheat cultivation and flour milling to the survival of the early settlers in the area; and,

the place has been used by the Benedictine community of New Norcia as a holiday retreat since 1944.

The powerhouse and various small outbuildings are of little heritage significance.