



**HERITAGE
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Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 03866
2. **NAME** *Serpentine General Store* (1926, 1938, c. 1947)
FORMER NAME Middleton's Store & Middleton's Tearooms
3. **LOCATION** 6 Wellard Street, Serpentine
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 22 on Deposited Plan 223102 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1253 Folio 468
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale
6. **OWNER** Robert Henry Foster and Margaret Jean Foster
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 02/02/2006
Permanent Entry 08/05/2007
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 31/07/1998
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 25/09/2000
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Serpentine General Store, a complex of buildings comprising the general store, including former tearooms, former residential quarters (1926) and store additions (1940s); brick and iron building (c. 1947); and various ancillary structures and landscape features, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
 - the place is a rare, fine and intact example of a store exhibiting original decorative features and fixtures, including original metal framed glazed shop-fronts from the 1920s and 1940s, original leadlights and pressed metal ceilings;
 - the place was built in response to Group Settlement, a significant international immigration scheme which led to the expansion of Serpentine and the south west of Western Australia; and,
 - the place, through its additions and changes, illustrates the evolution of small general purpose rural stores over an 80 year period and the development of Serpentine as a township.

The 1960s relocated transportable home, fibrous cement clad laundry, recent petrol bowsers, charity bins, fencing and site elements, other than buildings and the mature trees on the southern boundary, are of little significance.