

# **REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES**

## **Permanent Entry**

- **1. DATA BASE No.** 15828
- 2. NAME Railway Water Tower, Broad Arrow (1897-8; c.1995)
- 3. LOCATION Railway Street, Broad Arrow

#### 4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY** That part of Broad Arrow Lot 597, and being part of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3013 Folio 315 as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 15828 prepared by Staffenoni Ewing

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- 5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- 6. **OWNER** The State of Western Australia

#### 7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

#### 8. CONSERVATION ORDER

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#### 9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

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### **10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Railway Water Tower, Broad Arrow,* a 25,000 gallon (113 kL) square cast iron water tank, constructed in sections, on a thirteen foot (4 metre) timber pole stand, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was part of the extensive Eastern Goldfields railway system, which enabled the successful exploitation of the gold deposits in the region, and illustrates the importance of the railway system in this process and in the development of the supporting townships;

the desire to retain the tank as part of the local water supply scheme indicates that the place is highly valued by the Goldfields community as the last remaining identifiable built representation of the railway presence in Broad Arrow, dating from 1897; the place is an example of a water supply system fashioned to fit prevailing conditions and environment. The place illustrates the difficulties of providing steam-powered rail transport over long distances in Western Australia. Since c. 1990, its use by the Water Corporation to provide a water supply to the township of Broad Arrow is an innovative extension of its original purpose;

the place has a landmark setting in the Broad Arrow town. It is dominant in the vista west from the Kalgoorlie-Menzies Road. Together with the adjacent Broad Arrow Tavern and two dwellings, the place forms a unique cultural environment that is the township of Broad Arrow; and,

the place is one of a small number of railway tank stands still in use in the State, although this water no longer serves railway purposes. The tank itself can no longer be used to store water. A fibreglass water tank is situated within the original cast iron tank