



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 0697
2. **NAME** *Fossil Downs Homestead Group*(1939-48)
3. **LOCATION** About 25 km eastwards of Fitzroy Crossing
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
That part of Yurabi Location 63, being part of the land comprised in Crown Lease 126/1989 as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 0697 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing and Cruickshank Pty. Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Derby/West Kimberley
6. **OWNER** W.N.M. MacDonald Pty Ltd.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 02/09/1998
Permanent Entry 26/02/1999
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 04/06/1985
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: Nominated 25/09/1985
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Fossil Downs Homestead Group, a two-storey homestead of concrete block construction built in the Inter-War period, and associated buildings, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
 - the place is located on an early Kimberley lease and is still associated with the MacDonald family who pioneered the lease in 1883-85;
 - the homestead is of large scale and is notable in the North West for the quality of architecture and setting in landscaped gardens with extensive outbuildings;

the place and its associated buildings, which form a distinct pastoral precinct, are arranged around a central axis with the Homestead being the most prominent structure by reason of its location at the head of the main vista; and,

the place is highly regarded in the Kimberley Region as part of an important pastoral station.