



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 0581
2. NAME *Coolgardie Railway Station and Goods Shed* (1896)
3. LOCATION Woodward Street, Coolgardie
4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY  
Coolgardie Lot 2146, being Crown Reserve 34988 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3027 Folio 232.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Coolgardie
6. OWNER Shire of Coolgardie.
7. HERITAGE LISTINGS
 

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	11/03/1997
	Permanent Entry	02/09/1997
• National Trust Classification:		27/10/1976
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		24/08/1995
• Register of the National Estate:		21/03/1978
8. CONSERVATION ORDER  
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9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT  
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10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE  
*Coolgardie Railway Station and Goods Shed*, comprising the stone and brick quoin walled and corrugated iron roofed railway station, the timber framed corrugated iron clad good shed, the timber framed corrugated iron motor shed and the timber framed corrugated iron electrical engineer's office, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
  - the aesthetic value of the buildings in relation to their design and use of construction materials;
  - the place contributes to the townscape as a significant component at a former point of entry and as a part of a precinct containing several important heritage places;
  - the place has historic value as it was one of the two earliest government-built railway complexes in Western Australia;

the place reflects the rapid growth of Coolgardie, following the discovery of the eastern goldfields, which created one of the most important goldrushes in the history of Australia;

the place has association with an eminent Chief Architect from the Public Works Department, George Temple Poole, who was responsible for the design of a large number of public buildings in the state. The place is also associated with the State Engineer-in-Chief, C. Y. O'Connor, who was responsible for effecting the development of the goldfields through the establishment of a railway network and permanent water supply, as well as many other engineering achievements throughout Western Australia;

the place demonstrates a simple elegance and grace, the *Coolgardie Railway Station* building as an interpretation of Federation Academic Classical and Federation Free Classical architecture, and the *goods shed*, simply as a very fine industrial structure that combines well with the remaining buildings on site that demonstrate the nature of a late 19th Century railway station complex;

the place has social value for its role in the transportation of people and supplies, improvement in the living conditions and as a symbol of Coolgardie's former prosperity contributing to the community's sense of continuity of place as a museum;

the buildings are of comparative rarity as they are amongst a small number of late 19th Century railway buildings to survive without being obscured by large scale change and redevelopment; and,

the place is representative of major railway stations of the late 19th Century and is able to demonstrate, with the aid of interpretation, the manner in which a railway complex operated with a barracks accommodation and ancillary facilities, both within its contemporary curtilage and immediately beyond to the living accommodation that was build for the Resident Engineer, Station Master and platelayers.