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# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 14171
2. **NAME** *Denmark District Hospital (1924 +)*  
**COMPRISING** Main Hospital Building (1924, 1925, 1950s, 1974, 1990s)  
Morgue (1924)  
Nurse's Quarters (1925)  
Matron's Quarters (1925)  
Orderly's Room (1925)
3. **LOCATION** Peace Street, Denmark
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Denmark Lot 228, being Crown Reserve 18587 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3002 Folio 274.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Denmark
6. **OWNER** The State of Western Australia.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 24/03/2000  
Permanent Entry 16/03/2001
  - National Trust Classification: -----
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: -----
  - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Denmark District Hospital*, in particular the Morgue (1924) and Matron's Quarters (1925) and the parkland setting, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:  

the Morgue and Matron's quarters have rarity value as extant examples of these building types dating from the 1920s. They are representative of the standard PWD plans for these buildings dating from this period;

in its parkland setting, the place is valued by the Denmark community for its hospital association and the impact on the northern vista from the centre of the Denmark township;

the place was constructed to service the needs of the people of the Group Settlement Scheme of 1922-1928, which helped develop the Denmark region and substantial parts of the south-west of Western Australia. Since 1924, the place has undergone considerable change to remain in use: however, the Morgue and Matron's Quarters are intact examples of building types from the first stage of development;

the place is representative of a rural community's co-operative and long-standing commitment to the provision of health facilities in the town evidenced, in particular, by the establishment of the Hospital Comforts Committee which operated from 1949 to 1993;

as the central health and medical facility for the district, the place has significance for generations of local people who have had associations with the place and its medical staff; and,

the place contributes to the local community's sense of place by being prominent in location and having associations with generations of residents.

The remainder of the complex of single-storey timber and iron buildings, many of them interconnected and showing various periods of development, and comprising the Main Hospital Building (1924, 1925, 1950s, 1974, 1990s), Nurse's Quarters (1925), Orderly's Room (1925) and other ancillary buildings are considered to have little cultural heritage significance. The store (1990s) is considered to be intrusive.

The Frail Aged Units constructed on an adjoining site in 1989 are not included in this assessment.