



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01459
2. **NAME** Gwalia Townsite Precinct (1896+)
3. **LOCATION** Gwalia
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Portion of Leonora Lot 988 being portion of Crown Reserve 38442
 2. The whole of Crown Reserve 39909 comprising of Lots 516 to 521 and 565 on Deposited Plan 222756 and Lot 742 on Deposited Plan 222759 being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Titles Volume: 3059 Folio: 609, Volume: 3059 Folio 613, Volume: 3126 Folio 218, Volume 3126 Folio 219, Volume: 3059 Folio 628, Volume: 3126 Folio 220, Volume: 3059 Folio 796, Volume: 3060 Folio 22 respectively.

The whole of Crown Reserve 25802 comprising of Lots 500 –505 on Deposited Plan 222756, Lot 741 on Deposited Plan 222759 and Lot 1132 on Deposited Plan 188940 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Titles Volume: 3059 Folio: 557, Volume: 3059 Folio: 559, Volume: 3059 Folio: 560 Volume: 3059 Folio: 561 Volume: 3059 Folio: 563 Volume: 3059 Folio: 564, Volume: 3060 Folio 19 and Volume: 3123 Folio: 780 respectively

The whole of Crown Reserve 35047 comprising of Lots 511-515 on Deposited Plan 222756 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Titles Volume: 3059 Folio: 593, Volume: 3059 Folio: 595, Volume: 3059 Folio: 600, Volume: 3059 Folio: 601, Volume: 3059 Folio: 604 respectively.

The whole of Crown Reserve 10026 being Lots 553-560 on Deposited Plan 222756 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Titles Volume: 3059 Folio: 757, Volume: 3059 Folio 761 Volume: 3059 Folio: 762, Volume: 3059 Folio: 763, Volume: 3059 Folio: 764, Volume: 3059 Folio: 766, Volume: 3059 Folio: 769 and Volume: 3059 Folio: 771 respectively.
 3. The whole of Crown Reserve 25897 being Lots 483, 537 and 576 on Deposited Plan 222756 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Titles Volume 3140 Folio 862, Volume 3140 Folio 863, Volume 3140 Folio 864 respectively
 4. The whole of Crown Reserve 9268 being Lots 533, 534 and 575 on Deposited Plan 222756 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Titles Volume 3140 Folio 859, Volume 3140 Folio 869, Volume 3140 Folio 861 respectively

Lot 1357 on Deposited Plan 120024 being Crown Reserve 9979 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3132 Folio 613.

5. Lot 936 on Deposited Plan 181313 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3122 Folio: 581
6. Portion of Leonora Town Lots 489 and 490 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 359 Folio: 49.
7. Lot 487 on Deposited Plan 222756 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3059 Folio 532
 Lot 474 on Deposited Plan 222756 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3116 Folio: 152.
 Lot 481 on Deposited Plan 222756 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3059 Folio 517
8. Lot 856 on Deposited Plan 135043 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3060 Folio 105
9. Lot 868 on Deposited plan 135043 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1806 Folio: 876.
10. Leonora Lot 1267 on Deposited Plan 28160 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3089 Folio: 268.
11. Lot 588 on Deposited Plan 159355 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3137 Folio 683.
12. Lot 577 on Deposited Plan 222756 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3059 Folio: 840
 Lot 913 on Deposited Plan 144234 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3060 Folio 160
13. Lot 542 on Deposited Plan 222756 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3110 Folio: 113
14. Lot 524 on Deposited Plan 222756 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3059 Folio 640
15. Lot 498 on Deposited Plan 222756 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3116 Folio: 175
 Lot 499 on Deposited Plan 222756 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3059 Folio: 555
 Lot 494 on Deposited Plan 222756 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3059 Folio: 544.
16. Lot 479 on Deposited Plan 222756 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3059 Folio 512
 Lot 872 on Deposited Plan 135043 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3137 Folio 682
17. Lot 482 on Deposited Plan 222756 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3059 Folio: 521
18. Lots 535, 536, 538-540, 543-552, 561-564, 566-574 and 578 on Deposited Plan 222756 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Titles Volume 3141 Folio 360, Volume 3141 Folio 361, Volume 3141 Folio 362, Volume 3141 Folio 363, Volume 3141 Folio 364, Volume 3141 Folio 366, Volume 3059 Folio 734, Volume 3141 Folio 367, Volume 3141 Folio 368, Volume 3141 Folio 369, Volume 3141 Folio 370, Volume 3141 Folio 371, Volume 3141 Folio 372, Volume 3141 Folio 373, Volume 3141 Folio 374,

Volume 3141 Folio 375, Volume 3141 Folio 376, Volume 3141 Folio 377, Volume 3141 Folio 378, Volume 3141 Folio 379, Volume 3141 Folio 380, Volume 3141 Folio 381, Volume 3141 Folio 382, Volume 3141 Folio 383, Volume 3141 Folio 384, Volume 3141 Folio 385, Volume 3141 Folio 386, Volume 3141 Folio 387 respectively

Lots 585-587 on Deposited Plan 156854 being the whole of the land contained in Crown land Titles Volume 3141 Folio 388, Volume 3141 Folio 389 Volume 3141 Folio 390 respectively

Lots 591, 593-599, 907-912, 916 and 917 on Deposited plan 144234 being the whole of the land contained in Crown land Titles Volume 3141 Folio 391, Volume 3141 Folio 392, Volume 3141 Folio 393, Volume 3141 Folio 394, Volume 3141 Folio 395, Volume 3141 Folio 396, Volume 3141 Folio 397, Volume 3141 Folio 398, Volume 3141 Folio 622, Volume 3141 Folio 623, Volume 3141 Folio 624, Volume 3141 Folio 625, Volume 3141 Folio 626, Volume 3141 Folio 628, Volume 3141 Folio 629 respectively

Lots 850-855, 857-867, 869-871 and 873 on Deposited Plan 135043 being the whole of the land contained in Crown land Titles Volume 3060 Folio 98, Volume 3060 Folio 99, Volume 3141 Folio 603, Volume 3141 Folio 604, Volume 3141 Folio 605, Volume 3141 Folio 606, Volume 3141 Folio 607, Volume 3141 Folio 608, Volume 3141 Folio 609, Volume 3060 Folio 111, Volume 3141 Folio 610, Volume 3141 Folio 611, Volume 3141 Folio 612, Volume 3141 Folio 613, Volume 3141 Folio 614, Volume 3141 Folio 615, Volume 3141 Folio 616, Volume 3141 Folio 617, Volume 3141 Folio 618, Volume 3141 Folio 619, Volume 3141 Folio 620 respectively

Lots 738, 739, 740 and 743 on Deposited plan 222759 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3141 Folio 399, Volume 3128 Folio 274, Volume 3141 Folio 601, Volume 3141 Folio 602 respectively

Lot 1331 on Deposited Plan 213525 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3026 Folio 952

Lot 906 on Deposited Plan 159355 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3141 Folio 621

Leonora Lots 522, 523, 525-532, 475-478, 480, 484-486, 488, 495-497, 904, 932, 933 and 934 together with other unnumbered Unallocated Crown lands

19. Portions of Ferry Street, Station Street, Tower Street, Otterburn Street and the whole of Johnston Street, Loring Street, Kane Street and Gwalia Street road reserves and various rights of ways

together as is defined on Heritage Council drawing number 1459 as amended and prepared by Cadgraphics WA and dated 14 May 2007.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Leonora

6. OWNER

1. State of Western Australia
(Vested in the Minister for Water Resources)
2. State of Western Australia
(Vested in the Leonora Gwalia Historical Museum Ltd)

3. State of Western Australia
(Responsible Agency: Department of Housing & Works)
4. State of Western Australia
(Responsible Agency: Dep't for Planning & Infrastructure)
5. State of Western Australia
(Leased to Peter and Heather Christine Mitchell)
6. Commonwealth of Australia (As to Minerals only)
7. State of Western Australia
(Leased to St Barbara Mines Limited)
8. State of Western Australia
(Leased to Horst Henkel)
9. Gregory David and Eileen Margaret Roberts
10. State of Western Australia
(Leased to James Ivan and Karen Miriam Hurst)
11. State of Western Australia
(Leased to Eraldo Omodei)
12. State of Western Australia
(Leased to Christopher Crew)
13. State of Western Australia
(Leased to Alan Victor Taylor)
14. State of Western Australia
(Leased to Peter Mitchell)
15. State of Western Australia
(Leased to Michael John Mulcahy).
16. State of Western Australia
(Leased to Ross Frederick Crew)
17. State of Western Australia
(Leased to Sons of Gwalia Ltd)
18. State of Western Australia
(Unallocated Crown land)
19. State of Western Australia
(Responsible Agency: Shire of Leonora)

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

- Register of Heritage Places:

Interim Entry (Precinct)	09/05/2006
Permanent Entry (Precinct)	19/01/2007
Interim	
1460 Art's Place	18/09/1992
1461 Mick Omedei's Camp	
1459 Precinct	
Permanent	29/06/1999
1463 State Hotel (fmr)	
- National Trust Classification: Recorded 13/08/1973
- Town Planning Scheme: Included 23/11/1984
- Municipal Inventory: Adopted 17/02/1998
- Register of the National Estate: Registered 21/10/1980

Mick Omedei's Camp	
Little Pink Camp	
Patroni's Guest House	
Art's Place	
Gwalia State Hotel	21/03/1978

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Gwalia Townsite Precinct, comprising Gwalia State Hotel (fmr), Patroni's Guest House, Mazza's Store, a group of relocated squatter shacks in a reserve, various individual dwellings still remaining in the townsite that are occupied, and several that are unoccupied including Art's Place, Mick Omedei's camp, and a number of 'interpreted' dwellings, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the historic precinct is a rare surviving example of a West Australian mining town, including a rare, cohesive group of goldfields vernacular dwellings with no infill development, and demonstrates a distinctive way of life associated with mining and prospecting;

the historic precinct is significant for its association with mining operations at Gwalia between 1898 and 1963, in particular with the Sons of Gwalia mine, one of the major underground gold mines of Australia, and is indicative of the development of the Australian goldfields and the associated social conditions for miners;

the layout of the remaining original buildings, the relocated squatter buildings, and the spaces between the buildings give an indication of the development and later decline of the townsite;

the historic precinct demonstrates the way of life of the miners at Gwalia, many of whom were immigrants seeking to make a new life for themselves in Western Australia, including Italians, Austrians, Greeks, and Yugoslavs, working for low wages in hazardous underground conditions and living in primitive accommodation;

the style, form and construction materials of the buildings are specific to the West Australian goldfields and provide a strong sense of the past, with various elements demonstrating the architectural improvisation of structures built to accommodate miners in the late 19th and early to mid 20th centuries; and,

the efforts of the local community in restoration, preservation and presentation of the historic precinct indicate its value to the local and wider community for its gold mining history and its ongoing value as a frequently visited tourist attraction.

Elements of little significance in Gwalia townsite are: the dwellings occupied and refurbished by Sons of Gwalia Company, located on lots 481, 494 and 936, and the privately occupied places on lots 499, 577, 866, 872 and 1267 and Camp 78.