



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES - ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION

11. ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The criteria adopted by the Heritage Council in September, 1991 have been used to determine the cultural heritage significance of the place.

11.1 AESTHETIC VALUE

The *Tenterden Agricultural Hall* is significant for its simplicity of form, materials and construction that creates an elegant utilitarian building. (Criterion 1.1)

11.2. HISTORIC VALUE

Tenterden Agricultural Hall has historic value for its role as a meeting place for the Tenterden community, and has provided a venue for a wide range of community activities including church services before the construction of the Anglican church on an adjacent Town Lot in 1927. (Criterion 2.1)

11.3. SCIENTIFIC VALUE

As the original layout of Tenterden townsite is still intact and relatively undisturbed, *Tenterden Agricultural Hall* contributes to the Tenterden townsite being an educational model of a rural community of the early 1900's. (Criterion 3.1)

Tenterden Agricultural Hall contributes to the understanding of human occupation of the region and expresses the needs of an isolated rural community in the early 1900's in the south west of Australia. (Criterion 3.2)

11.4. SOCIAL VALUE

Tenterden Agricultural Hall is highly valued by the community, both of the township and wider region for its function as a social centre in the area. (Criterion 4.1)

Tenterden Agricultural Hall is a well known reference point in the township since 1909, and offers the community a sense of place and time. (Criterion 4.2)

12. DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE

12. 1. RARITY

12. 2 REPRESENTATIVENESS

Tenterden Agricultural Hall is representative of the simplicity of building form and construction of meeting halls built in the south west of Australia at the beginning of the 1900's. (Criterion 6.1)

Tenterden Agricultural Hall is representative of a building considered suitable for a meeting place in an isolated rural community in the south west of Australia at the beginning of the 1900's. (Criterion 6.2)

12. 3 CONDITION

The condition of *Tenterden Agricultural Hall* is good. The place has been restored in accordance with the conservation guidelines established in the Hammond and Green Architects: 'Heritage Assessment and Conservation Plan for Tenterden Agricultural Hall' (prepared under the Conservation Incentives programme administered by the Heritage Council of WA, September 1994.)

12. 4 INTEGRITY

Despite *Tenterden Agricultural Hall* falling into disrepair and rarely being used from the 1960's until its recent 1996 restoration, the place has retained its original function, as a community hall, and the integrity of the place is high.

12. 5 AUTHENTICITY

Both externally and internally *Tenterden Agricultural Hall* has a high level of authenticity. Most changes to the fabric are associated with the recent restoration and maintenance works.

13. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

Attached are key sections of the supporting evidence prepared by Hammond and Green Architects: 'Heritage Assessment and Conservation Plan for Tenterden Agricultural Hall' (prepared under the Conservation Incentives programme administered by the Heritage Council of WA, September 1994.)

13.1 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

For a detailed discussion of the documentary evidence, refer to Hammond and Green Architects: 'Heritage Assessment and Conservation Plan for Tenterden Agricultural Hall' (prepared under the Conservation Incentives programme administered by the Heritage Council of WA, September 1994.)

13.2 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

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13.3 REFERENCES

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