



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 05012
2. **NAME** *Donnybrook Railway Precinct (1893+)*
3. **LOCATION** South Western Highway, Donnybrook
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 - 1 Portion of Lot 597 on Deposited Plan 38225 being part of Reserve 47814 and being part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3132 Folio 954, portion of Lot 598 on Deposited Plan 38225 being part of Reserve 47815 and being part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3132 Folio 955, portion of Lot 599 on Deposited Plan 38225 being part of Reserve 47822 and being part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3132 Folio 956 and portion of Lot 606 on Deposited Plan 38224 being part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3132 Folio 970
 - 2 Lot 605 on Deposited Plan 38224 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2577 Folio 195

together as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 5012 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup
6. **OWNER**
 1. State of Western Australia
(As to Reserves 47814 & 47815: Management Order to Shire of Donnybrook – Balingup)
(As to Reserve 47822: Management Order to Public Transport Authority)
 2. Karen Lynette Shervington
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 19/03/2004
Permanent Entry 18/03/2005
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 14/06/1999
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 22/09/1995
 - Register of the National Estate: -----

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Donnybrook Railway Precinct, comprising goods shed, English Oak tree (*Quercus robur*), station master's house, five-ton crane, Stevenson screen, station building, packing sheds, through-line track and shunting loops, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a good example of a collection of railway buildings that forms part of a significant townscape, which includes the Donnybrook Hotel and the Post Office;

the establishment of the historic precinct was a catalyst for the development of the Donnybrook township and district, which became a major centre in the apple industry in the South West, and enabled the quarrying and transport of Donnybrook sandstone, a feature of some major buildings in Western Australia;

the historic precinct was established in 1893, developing as a major junction on the South Western line, and provides evidence of the importance of the railway system in the development of regional Western Australia;

the station master's house is a rare remaining example of an 1890s residence of the type;

the various elements of the historic precinct are representative of the type of buildings and services considered appropriate for passenger and freight services at a major junction station in the South West in the first half of the twentieth century;

the historic precinct is rare as a relatively intact railway precinct located in the centre of a rural settlement; and,

the c.1893 English Oak (*Quercus robur*) is an important landmark, linking the station building and station master's house, with its natural beauty providing a contrast to the angular built features of the historic precinct.

The packing sheds (Sheds 1, 2 and 4) within the railway reserve are significant for their associations with the important local fruit growing industry, but are not aesthetically significant elements.

Landscaping elements from the 1990s are of little significance. The rotunda is of little significance. The ammonia condenser near Shed 4 is of little significance.

For a full description of zones and elements of significance, see *Donnybrook Railway Precinct Conservation Plan*, July 1999, prepared by David Kelsall and John Visca, pp. 62-66.