



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2286
2. **NAME** *District Medical Officer's Quarters (fmr.) (1907)*  
**FORMER NAMES** R. M. O.'s Quarters, the Residency, Medical Staff Quarters, Hospital Staff Quarters, and The Green House
3. **LOCATION** 24 Richardson Street Cnr. McKay Street, Port Hedland.
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Port Hedland Lot 76 being the whole of Crown Reserve 8402.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Port Hedland
6. **OWNER** **State of Western Australia**  
(Responsible Agency: Department of Health)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim 16/10/1992  
Permanent Entry 17/03/2006
  - National Trust Classification: Classified 05 /12/ 1983
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: Adopted October 1996
  - Register of the National Estate: Registered -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*District Medical Officer's Quarters (fmr.) (1907)*, a single storey timber framed, timber and fibro cement clad, and zincalume custom orb roofed residence in the Federation Bungalow style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a rare surviving example of a Federation Bungalow style single skin timber framed residence built in the North-West in the pre-World War One period;

the place is a well-designed and good example of a Federation Bungalow style residence in timber framed and clad construction especially adapted to tropical conditions;

the place is significant in that it was occupied from 1907 to 1965, by the District Medical Officer, who was also the Resident Magistrate in the early twentieth century, and thereafter as nurses' quarters and later as accommodation for hospital staff to October 2001;

the place is significant for its historic associations with Architect W. B. Hardwick who designed the place; J. G. Braunsdorf who built it; the two first Resident Magistrates and District Medical Officers appointed to Port Hedland, Drs. Burton and Browne; the Australian Inland Mission, and the Royal Flying Doctor Service, which established facilities in the immediate vicinity;

the place provides evidence of the once common practice of doctors' residences and surgeries in the same building; and,

the place is significant as one of the earliest public buildings in Port Hedland and, in 2001, the town's only surviving pre World War One public building.

The perimeter fences, barbecue, and paths have little significance.