



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 5368
2. NAME *Community Health Services* (1938; 1955; 1959-60; 1967; 1976)
FORMER NAMES Commonwealth Health Laboratory
Broome Hospital Nurse's Quarters
3. LOCATION Cnr Anne & Walcott Streets, Broome
4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY
Broome Lot 638, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1063 Folio 38.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Broome
6. OWNER Crown.
7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	15/05/1998
	Permanent Entry	02/09/1998
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	30/06/1996
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Community Health Services, consisting of the former Health Laboratory, a single-storey Inter War Stripped Classical style concrete structure with a corrugated asbestos cement roof, the former Animal House, a single-storey rendered and painted concrete structure with a galvanised corrugated iron roof, and a concrete toilet block, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the former Health Laboratory is a good example of a building in the Inter-War Stripped Classical style with Art Deco influence in design of the entrance porch;

the place demonstrates the concern of the health profession with the control of tropical diseases, in particular leprosy and malaria, which were prevalent in the north of Western Australia in the early and mid twentieth century;

its establishment was directly related to the outbreak of malignant Tertian Malaria in the Fitzroy Valley in the 1930s;

its establishment had associations with endeavours of the 1920s and 1930s to secure skilled medical practitioners in the north of Western Australia;

the technical design and construction of the place illustrates an innovative approach to the problems of extreme climatic conditions in the north of Western Australia;

the place is representative of the Commonwealth Government's active involvement in the provision of health services in regional Australia in the 1920s and 1930s;

the place is the only extant example of two almost identical health laboratories built by the Commonwealth Government at Darwin and Broome in the 1930s and is a rare example of a reinforced concrete structure constructed in the 1930s in the north of Western Australia;

the various uses of the building from 1938, including laboratory, nurse's quarters and community health services, illustrates the evolution of health services in the region; and,

the place is important for its associations with community health services in Broome since the 1970s for the whole community and, in particular, for the Aboriginal community who comprise a high proportion of the service's clients.

The cultural heritage significance of the place is increased by its high level of integrity, authenticity and good condition and its landscaped setting. The associated laundry and shed are considered to have little heritage significance.