



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01227
2. **NAME** *Irwin Roads Board Office (fmr) (1910; 1980s)*
OTHER NAMES RSL Hall
3. **LOCATION** Point Leander Drive, Dongara
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Victoria Location 10738, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1318 Folio 684 and portion of Victoria Location 11787, being part of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1841 Folio 282 as together are defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No 1227 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Irwin
6. **OWNER** The Returned Soldiers & Airman's Imperial League of Australia (WA Branch) Incorporated (Lot10738)
Shire of Irwin (Lot 11787)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register of Heritage Places: • National Trust Classification: • Town Planning Scheme: • Municipal Inventory: • Register of the National Estate: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim Entry Permanent Entry Classified Adopted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23/11/2001 12/07/2002 05/09/1983 ----- 10/03/1998 -----
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8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Irwin Roads Board Office (fmr), a single-storey stone and brick building with a corrugated iron gable roof, designed in a Federation vernacular style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is valued for the pleasing use of materials, scale and proportion of the building, and for the setting with the well and Moreton Bay fig trees. Together these elements form a significant

element in the historic streetscape and townscape character of Dongara;

the place forms a significant cultural environment associated with the early civic development of the Irwin Roads Board between 1910 and 1958, and with the town of Dongara, and contributes to the local community's sense of place;

the place was constructed in 1910, to house the Roads Board of the developing Irwin River district, and was used as such up to 1958;

the well was part of Dongara's first public water supply, established in 1906;

the Moreton Bay fig trees, which dominate the site, are part of the larger street planting undertaken by the Roads Board in 1906, and are an early significant example of rural town beautification. The choice of species is typical of Paradise style public gardens of the period;

the place is highly valued by the local community as a place of early local government. This is demonstrated by the integrity of the front verandah restoration and the ongoing use made of the place as a commercial premise;

the place is valued for the variety of community uses it has housed since 1966, including an RSL meeting place, gift shop, Red Cross shop and music studio; and,

the place is a representative example of a Federation vernacular regional roads board office, established in 1910, and its subsequent development.