



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES - ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION

## 11. ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The criteria adopted by the Heritage Council in November 1996 have been used to determine the cultural heritage significance of the place.

### 11.1 AESTHETIC VALUE\*

*Dalgety House* has aesthetic significance as an example of a north-west residence from the early years of the twentieth century, which has been designed, built and adapted over the years to illustrate an aesthetic addressing climatic demands of the region. (Criterion 1.1)

*Dalgety House* is a good example of the climatic influences on residential design and building. (Criterion 1.2)

As one of the few residential buildings remaining in the commercial environment of the town centre, *Dalgety House* is an important element in the Port Hedland townscape. The place contributes to the variety and interest of the town centre and is a modest landmark. (Criterion 1.3)

### 11.2. HISTORIC VALUE

*Dalgety House*, through its associations with the Dalgety Company, is a physical reminder of the early development of the Port Hedland region. Companies such as Dalgety's based personnel in the region to service their State shipping activities, manage their manufacturing agencies and to distribute the stock and merchandise necessary for the development of the region's pastoral and mining activities. (Criterion 2.1)

*Dalgety House* was built to house employees of the Dalgety Company. The Dalgety Company provided essential shipping, stock and merchandising agencies, as well as communication services, to the north-west settlements. (Criterion 2.3)

*Dalgety House* is a good example of regional climatic influences on residential building and construction from a period before technology allowed a less visually apparent approach to design solutions. (Criterion 2.4)

### 11.3. SCIENTIFIC VALUE

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\* For consistency, all references to architectural style are taken from Apperly, Richard; Irving, Robert and Reynolds, Peter *A Pictorial Guide to Identifying Australian Architecture: Styles and Terms from 1788 to the Present*, Angus & Robertson, North Ryde, 1989.

*Dalgety House* is important as one of the few surviving examples of the adaptation of building and lifestyle in the hard climate of the region.  
(Criterion 3.2)

#### **11. 4. SOCIAL VALUE**

*Dalgety House* is highly valued by the Port Hedland community for its associations with the Dalgety Company and its employees. (Criterion 4.1)

*Dalgety House* contributes to the local community's sense of place as an older residential building in the town centre, which continues to be associated with the Dalgety Company. (Criterion 4.2)

## **12. DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE**

### **12. 1. RARITY**

*Dalgety House* is an uncommon example in Port Hedland and other north-west towns of a relatively intact residence from the early years of the twentieth century, which was designed and built in response to the climatic influences of the region. (Criterion 5.1)

*Dalgety House* is representative of a company lifestyle that no longer exists in the towns along the north-west coast and which were served by the State shipping industry up to the mid-1960s. (Criterion 5.2)

### **12. 2 REPRESENTATIVENESS**

*Dalgety House* is representative of a residential building style that pre-dates the major growth in the north-west towns such as Port Hedland with mineral development in the later part of the 1900s. (Criterion 6.1)

The place is representative of company housing provided for employees in rural, mining and forestry districts. (Criterion 6.2)

*Dalgety House* is representative of a north-west lifestyle for residents generally and in particular, the important role companies such as Dalgety's played in providing the commodities to sustain the development of the region. (Criterion 6.2)

### **12. 3 CONDITION**

*Dalgety House* is in fair condition. Maintenance, carried out by the Port Hedland Historical Society, has prevented serious deterioration of the original fabric. Of the outbuildings, the laundry is in a poor condition as a result of termite damage causing collapse of the roof structure.

### **12. 4 INTEGRITY**

No longer used as a residence, *Dalgety House* has a moderate level of integrity.

### **12. 5 AUTHENTICITY**

Verandah enclosures and modifications to the cyclone shutters have changed the original character of the place. Externally, the corrugated iron wall cladding is probably original. Internally, many of the finished have been replaced, with the eastern elevation retaining the best example of the building's original finishes. Overall, the place has a low to moderate degree of authenticity.

### **13. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE**

Attached are key sections of the supporting evidence prepared by Bruce Callow & Associates Pty Ltd, 'Dalgety House, Conservation Plan', prepared for the Port Hedland Historical Society, August 1998.

#### **13.1 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE**

For a discussion of the documentary evidence refer to Bruce Callow & Associates Pty Ltd, 'Dalgety House, Conservation Plan', prepared for the Port Hedland Historical Society, August 1998.

#### **13.2 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

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#### **13.3 REFERENCES**

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#### **13.4 FURTHER RESEARCH**

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