



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 4661
2. **NAME** *Derby Tramway Woolshed (1900, 1957)*
3. **LOCATION** Loch Street, Derby
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Portion of Derby Lot 1400 on Deposited Plan 243258 being part of Reserve 26818 and being part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3136 Folio 974 as shown on Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 4661 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd and dated 22 June 2005.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Derby/West Kimberley
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia  
(Management Order to the Minister for Transport)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 14/07/2006  
Permanent Entry 22/05/2007
  - National Trust Classification: Classified 08/12/1997
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: Shire of Derby/ We: 01/12/1995  
Kimberley
  - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Derby Tramway Woolshed*, a rectangular corrugated iron clad and gabled roofed industrial building (1900 and 1957), together with a concrete loading platform (1900) and remnants of the boundary fence of the former goods yard, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is rare as the only known woolshed of its vintage in Northern Australia;

the place is rare as a reminder of the importance of the wool industry to the Kimberley in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, having been constructed in 1900 as part of the infrastructure of the Derby tramway and port for the purpose of storing wool for export from the region in the early twentieth century;

the place is the only building remaining from the former goods yard and combines with the Wharfinger's House on the opposite corner of Loch Street to provide a visual reminder of the former tramway and port system, which was central to the development of Derby and the region in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries;

the place is a landmark by virtue of its simple form and industrial character that provide a striking contrast to the adjacent open marsh land, and its location which defines the edge of the Derby town site and marks the former termination of Loch Street; and,

the place contributes to the sense of place of the local community as a reminder of the history of early settlement in the area.

The concrete slab floor of the woolshed is of little significance.