



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Amended Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 03792
2. **NAME** *Railway Worker's Cottage (1897; c.1902)*
OTHER NAMES Platelayer's Cottage, Per Way Cottage
3. **LOCATION** 22 Forrest Street, Kalgoorlie
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Part of Reserve 9321 being Lot 318 on Deposited Plan 55193 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3155 Folio 875.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(Responsible Agency – Westrail / Public Transport Authority)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	26/08/2003
	Permanent Entry	20/02/2004
	Amended Entry	24/09/2010
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	13/06/1978
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	31/10/1995
• Register of the National Estate:	Registered	21/10/1980
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Railway Worker's Cottage, a two-room weathered granite and iron platelayer's cottage constructed in 1897, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an important element in the cultural environment of the Kalgoorlie railway station precinct, being constructed in the same local granite as the station buildings, and together with the station buildings, Station Master's House, District Superintendent's house, parcels office and Railway Institute represents the importance of the railway in the development of the district and town since 1897;

the place is a simple 1890s residence demonstrating aesthetic qualities in the use of granite, the high-pitched iron roof extending over the verandahs and the symmetrical façade;

the place was built in 1897 to provide accommodation for a railway worker at Kalgoorlie, which was established as a railhead during the gold boom period of the 1890s and developed as a significant railway centre on the Eastern Goldfields and Transcontinental lines;

the place is one of the two oldest remaining examples of railway employee housing in Kalgoorlie; and,

the place is a modestly scaled representative example of a Federation Bungalow style platelayer's cottage, representing the type of accommodation provided for railway workers in the 1890s. The former freestanding ladies waiting room that is used as a laundry has some heritage significance. The remaining outbuildings have little heritage significance.

The railway precinct in the station yard on the Forrest Street frontage also includes 1897 stone & iron station buildings and platform, 1897 stone and iron Station Master's house, c.1898 brick & iron District Superintendent's house, 1900 iron parcel's office, and 1920 war memorial, all of which have a high degree of significance, but have not been included in this assessment. On the opposite side of Forrest Street, the 1934 brick & iron railway institute is also of high significance. A number of workers' houses, constructed from 1901 to 1952, are situated along the Wittenoom Street side of the reserve.

