



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
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PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 00667
2. **NAME** *Pithara Hall & Supper Room (1931, 1956)*
OTHER NAMES Pithara Town Hall
3. **LOCATION** 41 & 43 Leahy Street, Pithara
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Reserve 15585 being Lots 36 & 37 on Deposited Plan 229929 and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Titles Volume 3008 Folio 84 & 85.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Dalwallinu
6. **OWNER AT PERMANENT REGISTRATION**
State of Western Australia (Responsible Agency: Department of Lands, Management Order Holder: Shire of Dalwallinu)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 17/12/2010
Permanent Entry 09/02/2016
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: 24/11/2000
 - Municipal Inventory: 24/02/1998
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Pithara Hall & Supper Room, a single-storey rendered brick Town Hall in the Inter War Free Classical style (1931) with a symmetrical façade and gabled parapet, together with a Supper Room and kitchen (1956), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

Pithara Hall is a good and intact representative example of a regional Town Hall in the Inter War Free Classical architectural style;

the place demonstrates the once central importance of town halls to rural communities. The loss of this function of the place reflects a change to a distinctive way of life or custom, which is the result of declining rural populations;

the place is highly valued by the community of Pithara and surrounding area, for the sense of place and memories of civic and social events that have taken place in Pithara since 1931;

Pithara Hall is associated with World War II, and with the feared Japanese invasion of Western Australia, through its use as an army hospital in the early 1940s

the place is a landmark in Pithara, as a prominent building with a distinctive presence, and forms an integral part of the Pithara streetscape, together with nearby buildings of a similar era; and,

Pithara Hall was designed by the well-known firm of Western Australia architects, Powell, Chisholm & Cameron.