



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 0294
2. **NAME** *Old Police Lockup and Boab Tree* (1896)
3. **LOCATION** Carnarvon Street, Broome
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
(Firstly) Lot 1 on Diagram 90609, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2069 Folio 768 and (secondly) that portion of Road reserve 14626 (Carnarvon Street) as together are defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 0294 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing and Cruickshank Pty. Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Broome
6. **OWNER** Commonwealth of Australia (Lot 1)  
Shire of Broome (Road Reserve)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	07/01/2000
	Permanent Entry	12/05/2000
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	07/06/1983
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	30/06/1996
• Register of the National Estate:	Permanent	18/04/1989
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Old Police Lockup and Boab Tree*, a single storey concrete and iron building, constructed in 1896, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:  
  
the place is the only extant building from the original law and order buildings constructed in Broome in the 1890s and early 1900s;  
  
the place was constructed as a result of the development of Broome and the high demand for additional and improved police and justice facilities in the region. The place operated, independently of the gaol, as a detention centre for prisoners on trial or in police custody, from 1896 to 1965;

the boab tree at the site of the place is closely associated with police officer Herbert Thomas, who served at Broome c. 1895-1901, and again in 1920, when he died on duty, and his son, Frederick, who was killed in France in World War One. A commemorative plaque has been placed at the site;

the place is highly valued by the local community for its associations with life in Broome from the early years of the town's existence;

the place displays some aesthetic characteristics in the harmonious proportions and simplicity of detailing; and,

the place contributes to the local community's sense of place. It is the only building remaining of the original police and justice complex on the site. While the street profile of the place is low, its presence is marked by the boab tree on the Carnarvon Street verge.

The kitchen conversion was in keeping with the philosophy of the Burra Charter.

The Blacksmith's Display shed at the front of the building has little cultural heritage significance and is visually intrusive obscuring the principal elevation of the Old Police Lockup.