



## 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

*Donegan's Cottage* has aesthetic value as a very simple example of a vernacular cottage built in the Federation period and adapted to the needs and resources of the Donegan family. (Criterion 1.1)

*Donegan's Cottage* has a landmark quality in Toodyay. Its fairly elevated site makes it visible from many parts of the town. (Criterion 1.3)

#### 11.2. HISTORIC VALUE

*Donegan's Cottage* has some significance as one of only a few early 'worker's cottage' residences remaining in Toodyay, and was occupied continuously by a family with a long work history in the town. (Criterion 2.1)

#### 11.3. SCIENTIFIC VALUE

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#### 11.4. SOCIAL VALUE

*Donegan's Cottage* holds significant social value to the Toodyay community, as evidenced by action taken by the Toodyay Historical Society Inc. to prevent its demolition. (Criterion 4.1)

## **12. DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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

The place is of a type that is now uncommon in Toodyay. (Criterion 5.1)

### **12. 2 REPRESENTATIVENESS**

This place is a representative example of a vernacular 'worker's cottage' built at the turn of the century, and is characteristic of its class. (Criterion 6.2)

### **12. 3 CONDITION**

*Donegan's Cottage* is in fair condition and is structurally capable of sustaining remedial work. The place has suffered in recent years from a lack of occupancy and maintenance.

### **12. 4 INTEGRITY**

The integrity of this place is moderate, and its restoration is achievable.

### **12. 5 AUTHENTICITY**

The place is intact and retains moderate authenticity, taken in the context of evolution of use. Little has occurred internally in the way of intrusive changes.

### **13. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE**

Attached are key sections of the supporting evidence prepared by John Taylor, Architect: 'Conservation Plan for Donegan's Cottage, Toodyay, Western Australia : A "Worker's Cottage" in the Avon Valley' (prepared for the Toodyay Historical Society Inc., June 1996).

#### **13.1 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE**

For a discussion of the documentary evidence refer to John Taylor, Architect: 'Conservation Plan for Donegan's Cottage, Toodyay, Western Australia : A "Worker's Cottage" in the Avon Valley' (prepared for the Toodyay Historical Society Inc., June 1996).

#### **13.2 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

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#### **13.3 REFERENCES**

John Taylor, Architect: 'Conservation Plan for Donegan's Cottage, Toodyay, Western Australia : A "Worker's Cottage" in the Avon Valley' (prepared for the Toodyay Historical Society Inc., June 1996).

#### **13.4 FURTHER RESEARCH**

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