



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 15722
2. **NAME** *Rawlinna* (1917 -)
3. **LOCATION** 378 km west of Kalgoorlie on the Trans Australian Railway
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 Part of Giles Location 2 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1681 Folio 343

 Lot 1 on Diagram 12256 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1681 Folio 341

 Lot 3 on Diagram 17645 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1681 Folio 342

 Lot 5 on Diagram 39703 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1484 Folio 932

 as together are defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia Drawing No. 15722 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
6. **OWNER** As to Giles Location 2, Lots 1, 3, Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd (leased to Loongana Lime Pty Ltd)
 As to Lot 5, Margaret Merle Hogg
 As to Old Railway building on Giles Location 2, Mr Allan Trott
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	30/08/2002
	Permanent Entry	26/08/2003
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	12/08/2002
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Rawlinna, a Transcontinental Railway settlement comprising Railway House (1921-24), Post and Telegraph Office (1929-30), Railway Station (1942), Provisions Store (1943), Post Master General (PMG) Technician's Residence (1943), Concrete Water Tower (1944), Railway Barracks (1957), School (1963), Power Plant (1965), Desalination Plant (1970), Hall (1983) and a number of other residences and transportable structures, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was the first and largest railway settlement on the Western Australian section of the Trans Australian Railway, the rail link promised as part of the negotiations prior to Federation in 1901 that was an integral factor in bringing Western Australia into Federation;

the place is the most complete Trans Australian Railway settlement along the 726km of that line in Western Australia and is representative of the Commonwealth Railways' constructed settlements on that line;

the place is the location of the only Western Australian repeater station on the 1929 East-West telegraph route and as such was vital to interstate telecommunications for over sixty years;

the railway house built in 1921 is the oldest Commonwealth Railways house in Western Australia;

the place provides important evidence of the European occupation of the Nullarbor hinterland and has been a service town linking transport and communications with the pastoral areas in a region where all resources, including water, have to be provided; and,

the place demonstrates technical achievement in providing facilities required by the railways to overcome many problems associated with the isolation and the inhospitable country in an era with little available mechanisation.

The School (1963) has some significance as part of the infrastructure required to support the population in *Rawlinna*. The Power Plant (1965) and Desalination Plant (1970) have some significance as they still provide the services for which they were built.

The Hall (1983) has little heritage significance. Transportable buildings are of little or no significance.