



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 02899
2. NAME *York Railway Station (fmr)* (1885; 1906)
3. LOCATION Cnr South & Railway Streets, York
4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY

That portion of Railway Reserve in the Townsite of York, being part of the land on Plan 2061 as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No 2899 prepared by Scanlan Surveys Pty Ltd.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of York
6. OWNER The Western Australian Government Railways Commission
7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	04/08/1992
	Permanent Entry	30/08/2002
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	25/09/1985
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	31/12/1995
• Register of the National Estate:	Interim	21/03/1978

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

York Railway Station (fmr), a two storey Federation Arts and Crafts style, stone, brick and iron building, comprising a two storey station master's residence, with living areas at ground floor level and three bedrooms and a bathroom on the first floor at the southern end of the building, and with public areas, including booking and parcels offices and waiting rooms, at the northern end of the building, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a major regional railway station dating from the earliest phase of railway construction in the state in the 1880s;

the place is a fine example of a group of early railway stations, of which four remain extant, all good examples of the Federation Arts and Crafts style, designed in the 1880s by George Temple Poole, chief architect of the Public Works Department of Western Australia from 1885 to 1897;

the place is an important example of a railway station which was used continuously for railway purposes from 1885 to 1987;

the place is associated with the development of the railway east from Perth to the agricultural districts of the Avon;

as the most easterly point that could be reached by rail at the time of the gold rush of the 1880s, the place was an important stopping post for prospectors heading for the eastern goldfields;

the place has landmark qualities as a component of the historic town of York. The two storey building is prominent in the context of the adjacent park environment; and,

the place is comparatively rare example of a railway station dating from the 1880s designed to incorporate quarters for the station master within the main station building.

Landscape features on the eastern side of the building are of little heritage significance.