



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 04639
2. **NAME** *Boulder Railway Station, Subway and Loopline (1897-1903)*
COMPRISING Sections of the Loopline Railway Line between Golden Gate & Kamballie (1897 & 1902)
 Boulder Station Goods Shed (1898)
 Boulder Station Buildings and Pedestrian Subway (1903)
 Boulder Subway and Pumping Station (1903)
 Boulder Station Park, Rotunda and Memorial (c.1903; 1920)

3. **LOCATION** Hamilton Street, Boulder

4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**

Boulder Lot 3405, being part of Crown Reserve 32594 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3126 Folio 130, Boulder Lot 4724, being part of Crown Reserve 32594 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3126 Folio 131, Boulder Lot 3603, being Crown Reserve 6662 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3034 Folio 798 and portion of unnumbered Railway reserve together as defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No. 4639 prepared by Fugro Spatial Solutions Pty Ltd.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

6. **OWNER** City of Kalgoorlie Boulder (Reserve 32594)
 The State of Western Australia (Reserve 6662)
 Western Australian Government Railways Commission
 (portion Railway reserve)

7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

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| • Register of Heritage Places: | Interim Entry | 14/07/2000 |
| | Permanent Entry | 13/07/2001 |
| | Amended Entry | 26/04/2002 |
| • National Trust Classification: | | 08/07/1996 |
| • Town Planning Scheme: | | ----- |
| • Municipal Inventory: | Completed | 31/10/1995 |
| • Register of the National Estate: | Park & Rotunda | 21/10/1980 |

8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Boulder Railway Station, Subway and Loopline (1897-1903), comprising a section of the Loopline Railway Line (1897 & 1902); Boulder Station Goods Shed (1898); Boulder Station Buildings, Platforms and Pedestrian Subway (1903); Boulder Subway and Pumping Station (1903); and Boulder Station Park, Rotunda and Memorial (c.1903; 1920), as well as the footing remains of the pedestrian overpass at Boulder Station, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place provides a fine remnant example of the transport infrastructure of the Eastern Goldfields during the 1880s and 1890s in Western Australia, when large numbers of workers, heavy machinery, ore and timber had to be moved efficiently between mines, townships and transport depots;

the construction of the place was a result of the successful exploitation of the Eastern Goldfields, and in particular the Golden Mile. The Loopline operated from 1897 to 1976;

Boulder Subway provides the only known example in the State of a subway built to its particular specifications and demonstrates technical expertise in the riveted plate bridge girder construction. The use of brick faced parapet beams and semi-circular floor troughing is unique in Western Australia;

the riveted girder construction, gravity brick abutments and retaining walls of Boulder Subway represent a nineteenth century form of construction that is now obsolete and becoming increasingly rare in Western Australia;

the place contributes to the local and wider community's sense of place as a significant reminder of the 1880s and 1890s goldrushes in Western Australia. It is also valued by the various groups interested in conserving and promoting Western Australia's railway heritage ;

the Memorial (1920) in the Boulder Station Park was created by renown sculptor Pietro Porcelli to a commission by Metropole Hotel licensee, David Donaldson, whose son was killed while on active service during World War One, and is a focal point of the Anzac Day ceremony held in Boulder each year;

the Boulder Railway Station and Boulder Subway illustrate the importance of Boulder city as a major residential, and support and service centre, of the Golden Mile mining tenements at the turn of the century; and,

of the original railway stations constructed on the Golden Mile Loopline Railway, Boulder Railway Station is the only one remaining extant.

The Loopline Railway comprises the section of railway between Wittenoom Street and Forrest Street, via Dunlop Cross, Boulder City, Forrest Street and Ivanhoe Cross. The curtilage for this place excludes the remainder of the Loopline which runs between Forrest Street and Wittenoom Street, through Kamballie and Golden Gate railway stations. The section of the loop between Kamballie and Golden Gate via Horseshoe, Fimiston and Hainault, is no longer extant, having been removed in the excavation of the Super Pit and is not included in the registered area.

Steel framed and clad sheds, recently constructed within the Boulder Railway Station reserve, are considered to have no cultural heritage significance. The associated Station Master's House is considered to have a little cultural heritage significance due to recent works which have compromised the degree of authenticity and integrity.