HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 0696

2. NAME *Fitzroy Crossing Police Group* (1895, 1906, 1940, 1951, 1953, c. 1970, 1974)

FORMER NAME Fitzroy Crossing Police Station

3. LOCATION Russ Road, Fitzroy Crossing

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY

Fitzroy Location 21, being part of Crown Reserve 45046 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3059 Folio 326.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Derby / West Kimberley

6. OWNER Darlngunaya Aboriginal Corporation

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	15 / 10 / 1999
	Permanent Entry	18 / 02 / 2000
• National Trust Classification:		----------
• Town Planning Scheme:		----------
• Municipal Inventory:	Yes, Not adopted	----------
• Register of the National Estate:		----------

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

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9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

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10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fitzroy Crossing Police Group, comprising the Military Kitchen / Trackers' Hut (c. 1940s), No. 1 Police Quarters (1951), Cell Block (1951, c. 1970), Office and Store (1953, 1974), and Toilet Block (1953), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

> the place was associated, over a period of eight decades, with the imposition of European law on, and the delivery of welfare services to, Aboriginal people, and, consequently, it was responsible for the interaction, both voluntary and involuntary, of numerous Aboriginal people with a succession of police constables and their wives;

the place is important as a marker for the location of the first Fitzroy Crossing police station, built in 1895 by Constable Richard Henry Pilmer whose keen participation in the quelling of Aboriginal resistance in the 1890s is recalled by the Aboriginal people of today;

the place, with *Fitzroy Crossing Post Office (fmr)* and *Low Level Crossing, Fitzroy Crossing*, forms a significant cultural environment in that these structures are the only obvious remnants of the 'old' Fitzroy Crossing settlement;

the place has a landmark quality, both as part of 'old' Fitzroy Crossing and because of the unusual aesthetic qualities and construction technique of the Military Kitchen/Trackers Hut (c. 1940s); consequently, it contributes to the community's sense of place and has potential as a tourist destination within the State; and,

the place demonstrates the characteristics of a self-contained police station which, having evolved from a remote outpost, presents a group of police buildings that reflect typical construction methods and building styles used by the Public Works Department of WA for utilitarian buildings in the north of Western Australia in the 1950s.