



**HERITAGE
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Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 02757
2. **NAME** *Lady Novar Hostel (fmr), Wyalkatchem* (1922; 1933; 1945-48)
3. **LOCATION** Cnr. Honour Avenue and Slocum Street, Wyalkatchem
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 148 on Deposited Plan 142368 being Reserve 17586 and the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Crown Land Title Volume 3018 Folio 490
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Wyalkatchem
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(Management Order to the Shire of Wyalkatchem)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	27/06/2008
	Permanent Entry	20/02/2009
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	08/03/1983
		10/04/2006
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	16/12/1999
		18/03/2004
• Register of the National Estate:	Nominated	27/03/1983
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Lady Novar Hostel (fmr), Wyalkatchem, a single storey residence, of timber construction with a tile roof, a late example of the Federation Bungalow design style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was the first rest home established in Western Australia by the Bush Nursing Society for expectant mothers, the model for four other such hostels, and become the longest running hostel in the State;

the place demonstrates the difficulties in providing health care services to rural areas and the isolation in which farming families lived in regional Western Australia during the interwar period;

the place is a well proportioned and visually pleasing example of a domestic scaled building, a late example of the Federation Bungalow style, featuring a steeply pitched Marseilles profiled terracotta tile roof, wide shady verandahs, finely detailed joinery and distinctive tapered masonry chimneys with unpainted rough-cast render and brick decoration;

the place is associated with the Bush Nursing Society and Bush Nursing Trust, established to administer the State's share of the gift from the British Red Cross and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem to Australia in gratitude for the service of the dominions in World War I;

the place was designed by architect A. B. Rieusset and built by J. J. Hewitt & Son, and closely associated with Mrs Eva Carter, of Benjabbering, who was commemorated in the naming of a large ward;

the place is associated with the work of the Silver Chain Nursing League (latterly Silver Chain Nursing Association), Red Cross, Ugly Men's Voluntary Workers' Association, Returned Services League (RSL), and Country Women's Association (CWA);

the place is a rare example of a Federation Bungalow style building constructed in timber with a tiled roof; and,

the place is valued by the community of Wyalkatchem for social and aesthetic reasons, and contributes to the community's sense of place.

Metal framed and clad carport, garages and outbuildings are of little cultural heritage significance.