



## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES - ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION

### 11. ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The criteria adopted by the Heritage Council in November 1996 have been used to determine the cultural heritage significance of the place.

#### 11.1 AESTHETIC VALUE\*

*Wongan Hills Hospital (fmr)* is a fine example of the Inter-war Bungalow style and occupies a prominent position in Wongan Hills, making a significant contribution to the character of the town. (Criteria 1.1 & 1.4)

#### 11.2. HISTORIC VALUE

*Wongan Hills Hospital (fmr)* provides evidence of a rural community's co-operative and long-standing commitment to the cause of providing health facilities in the town. (Criterion 2.1)

*Wongan Hills Hospital (fmr)* represents an important achievement in the provision of medical and health facilities in the region of Wongan Hills as it was established by the public subscription in the initial years of the Great Depression. (Criterion 2.2)

*Wongan Hills Hospital (fmr)* is associated with J. H. Ackland, who played a significant role in the development of Wongan Hills, with Dr A. Stenning, who assisted in the establishment of the place, and with Dr T. Lovegrove, who attended the hospital for almost thirty years from 1936. (Criterion 2.3)

#### 11.3. SCIENTIFIC VALUE

*Wongan Hills Hospital (fmr)* demonstrates the process of improvement and extension of a rural hospital facility. (Criterion 3.2)

*Wongan Hills Hospital (fmr)* demonstrates the changing focus of rural health facilities over the years between 1930 and 1965. (Criterion 3.2)

#### 11.4. SOCIAL VALUE

As the central health and medical facility for the region, *Wongan Hills Hospital (fmr)* has significance for generations of local people who have had associations with the place and its medical staff. (Criterion 4.1)

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\* For consistency, all references to architectural style are taken from Apperly, Richard; Irving, Robert and Reynolds, Peter *A Pictorial Guide to Identifying Australian Architecture: Styles and Terms from 1788 to the Present*, Angus & Robertson, North Ryde, 1989.

As a museum, the place facilitates an understanding of ways of life in rural Western Australia, informs the community of its heritage and provides direct links with its past role as a hospital. (Criterion 4.1)

*Wongan Hills Hospital (fmr)* contributes to the community's sense of place by being prominent in location and has associations with generations of residents. (Criterion 4.2)

## **12. DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE**

### **12. 1. RARITY**

The place is uncommon in that it provides an intact example of a rural hospital constructed entirely by public subscription during the Great Depression. (Criterion 5.1)

*Wongan Hills Hospital (fmr)* reflects evidence of former rural health and medical practices and the ways of life of the staff and patients associated with the hospital. (Criterion 5.2)

### **12. 2 REPRESENTATIVENESS**

This place is representative of the development of rural health and medical facilities in rural Western Australia from 1930 to the 1960s. (Criterion 6.2)

### **12. 3 CONDITION**

*Wongan Hills Hospital (fmr)* is in good condition overall due to regular use and maintenance, though some elements are in poor condition.

### **12. 4 INTEGRITY**

The integrity of *Wongan Hills Hospital (fmr)* is moderately high as the current use of the place is compatible with its context and facilitates its interpretation. The place is largely intact, with no substantial or irreversible interventions occurring to the original fabric in the various stages of its development. Restoration is achievable.

### **12. 5 AUTHENTICITY**

The place demonstrates a high degree of authenticity from each of the periods of its development.

### **13. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE**

Attached are key sections of the supporting evidence prepared by Laura Gray: 'Conservation Plan for former Wongan Hills Hospital known as Wongan-Ballidu Museum' (prepared for the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, January 1997)

#### **13.1 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE**

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#### **13.2 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

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#### **13.3 REFERENCES**

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