



**HERITAGE
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Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01398
2. **NAME** *Kojonup Railway Station (fmr) Group*
Loading Platform, c.1912; Goods Shed, 1922; Station Building, 1925; Spotted Gums, 1920s; Bus Shed, 1943; Wool Loading Platform.

OTHER NAME(S) Kojonup Tourist Bureau
3. **LOCATION** Gordon Street and Railway Parade, Kojonup
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
All that land bordered by Pensioner Road, Gordon Street, Benn Parade and Albany Highway in Kojonup being portion of Kojonup Location 52 and part of the land contained in Plan 2952 (Sheet 4) and being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1912 Folio 969

Other unnumbered unallocated Crown land bordered by Kojonup Location 52, Benn Parade and Albany Highway
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Kojonup
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(As to C/T 1912/969: Responsible Agency Public Transport Authority)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Permanent Entry 16/05/2008
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate:
Survey of Railway Heritage Recommended RHP 01/03/1994
Western Australia
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Kojonup Railway Station (fmr) Group, comprising Loading Platform and 5-ton crane (c. 1912), Goods Shed (1922), Station Building (1925), Bus Shed (1943),

Wool Loading Platform and a Kurrajong (*Brachychiton populneus*) and Spotted Gums (*Eucalyptus maculate*) (1920s) has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a good representative example of a light railway station group developed between 1907 and the 1940s, distinguished by the variety of its extant buildings and structures, and enhanced by its unusual 1920s plantings; it illustrates the development of the Kojonup-Katanning section of the Donnybrook-Katanning Railway, reflecting the important association of light rail facilities with agricultural development;

the place is an integral part of the Katanning-Kojonup Railway, one of the first three light railways constructed in the State from 1906-07, and the Donnybrook-Katanning Railway (1912);

the Station Building (1925) is the first example of this type of station building to be constructed in Western Australia;

the place is a landmark in the central area of Kojonup for the semi industrial character of many of the elements, the small elegant Inter-War Queen Anne style Station Building and the substantial avenue of tall mature Spotted Gums;

the 1943 bus shed illustrates the transition of rail travel to bus travel, and the gradual decline of rail travel as the preferred method of transportation;

the place is highly valued by the community of Kojonup for its associations with the agricultural development of the region, and as a reminder of the significant role of the railway in the region; and,

the presence of a collection of rolling stock at a small, rural railway station group is uncommon, with the historic carriage Banksia (1950) being the only extant example of its class (ADF495), and an 1899 carriage (J4 MRWCo) a rare item.

The c.1960-70s toilet block, the garden shed, the large 2002 shed and the skateboard track located within the area of *Kojonup Railway Station (fmr) Group* have little significance. The post-World War II bulk handling facilities, sleeper siding, weighbridge and stock yards west of Pensioner Road, and the site of the triangle east of Albany Highway, are noted in the assessment, but are outside the defined area of *Kojonup Railway Station (fmr) Group*.