



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 00761
2. **NAME** *Balladonia Telegraph Station (fmr)* (1898; 1905; 1950s)
3. **LOCATION** Eyre Highway, Balladonia
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**

Lot 12 on Deposited Plan 255205 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1739 Folio: 288 together with portion of Balladonia Location 36 on Deposited Plan 238021 and being part of the land in Crown Lease 256/1989 and Eyre Highway Road Reserve as is defined by Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No 761 prepared by Warren King & Company & Midland Survey Services.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Dundas
6. **OWNER** James William Ferguson (as to Lot 12)
State of Western Australia (as to Balladonia Location 36)
(Leased to James William Ferguson)
Main Roads WA (as to Eyre Highway Road Reserve)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	26/08/2003
	Permanent Entry	19/03/2004
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	14/08/1995
• Register of the National Estate:	Registered	21/03/1978
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Balladonia Telegraph Station (fmr), a single-storey limestone building with a corrugated iron hipped roof, constructed in 1898 in Federation Bungalow style, and associated underground parget stone water tank and drystone wall, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was constructed in 1898 as a repeater station on the inland telegraph line between Eucla and Norseman, constructed from 1896 to carry the increased telegraph traffic generated by the gold boom, and was an integral part of a network of telegraph stations that operated between 1897 and 1927, linking Western Australia with the eastern states and overseas through Adelaide;

the place is a good representative example of a Federation Bungalow style of regional telegraph office designed under the direction of PWD under Chief Architect George Temple Poole, who was responsible for many fine buildings in the State during a period of growth from 1885 to 1896;

the place is constructed of local limestone, has a pleasing scale and proportion, and is a significant landmark element in the remote regional landscape of the Eyre Highway at Balladonia;

the place is associated with the telegraph men and their families, who worked and lived on the line between 1898 and 1927, and is indicative of the isolation and inhospitable conditions they endured; and,

the place is valued by the general community and by travellers and tourists along the Eyre Highway as a remnant of the early telecommunications history of the State in a remote and isolated setting.

The remnants of buildings some 10 metres to the west of the place are of little heritage value.