



HERITAGE
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REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01230
2. **NAME** *Russ Cottage* (1867-70, c1920s, 1969)
OTHER NAME Russ Shop (fmr)
3. **LOCATION** Cnr St Dominics Road & Parker Street, Port Denison
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 2 on Diagram 37230 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 258 Folio: 141A.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Irwin
6. **OWNER** Shire of Irwin
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 20/05/2003
Permanent Entry 17/10/2003
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 05/09/1983
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 10/03/1998
 - Register of the National Estate: Indicative 02/11/1983
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Russ Cottage, a single storey random rubble limestone building with concrete shingle roof, in the Victorian Georgian style, is of cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an integral part of the historic coastal township of Dongara, an early settlement with a significant number of nineteenth century buildings remaining in the town;

the place is a good example of a random rubble limestone building in the Victorian Georgian style, its simple construction demonstrating the methods used during the early development of Dongara;

situated on a prominent corner at the edge of Point Leander Drive, the place is an obvious landmark, and together with other buildings within the historic precinct of Dongara, contributes to a significant streetscape;

the place was constructed for the Russ family, early European settlers of the Irwin District. Assisted by ticket-of-leave labour, the place was built by Titus Russ, and was also occupied by his youngest son Robert Russ who established a shop adjacent to the cottage and a market garden on the adjoining land. Produce from the market garden was transported for sale in the Kalgoorlie goldfields during the 1890s; and, since 1971, the place has been highly valued by the local community as a museum housing items of local historic memorabilia, and contributes to the sense of place of the Dongara community.

The replacement cement roof shingles, concrete flooring throughout, timber posts and enclosures to verandahs, shelving to enclosures, light fittings, gutters, light pole and tap to south east of house, ceilings and new door furniture are of little significance.