



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 15750
2. **NAME** *Railway Housing Precinct, Merredin (1913-1915; 1947; 1950; 1970s)*
3. **LOCATION** 71-89 Todd Street & 18-36 and 29-35 Kitchener Road, Merredin
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Lot 1468 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2564 Folio 978
 2. Lot 1466 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2575 Folio 828
 3. Lot 1469 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2573 Folio 804
 4. Lot 1471 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2558 Folio 299
Lot 1473 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2558 Folio 300
 5. Lot 1478 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2558 Folio 293
Lot 1475 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2558 Folio 292
 6. Lot 1483 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2574 Folio 323
 7. Lot 1467 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2549 Folio 682
 8. Lot 1470 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2226 Folio 10
 9. Lot 1472 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2573 Folio 889
Lot 1474 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2573 Folio 891

10. Lot 1476 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2573 Folio 835
11. Lot 1481 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2558 Folio 282
12. Lot 1482 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2574 Folio 312
13. Lot 1484 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2564 Folio 957
14. Lot 1394 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2189 Folio 200
15. Lot 1397 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2101 Folio 380
16. Lot 1480 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2217 Folio 945
17. Lot 1388 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2059 Folio 854
18. Lot 1383 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2077 Folio 809
 Lot 1392 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2077 Folio 817
19. Lot 1477 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume: 2540 Folio 809
20. Lot 1479 on Deposited Plan 218511 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 2549 Folio: 625
21. Portion of Kitchener Road

together as are defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 15750 as prepared by Warren King & Company and Midland Survey Services

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Merredin

6. OWNER

1. Craig Douglas Partridge
2. Martin Joseph Griffiths
3. Judith Merrilees Farnhill & John Paul Farnhill
4. Comica Pty Ltd
5. Patricia Margaret Tunney
6. Debra Miriam Vicary
7. Paul Hristo Valtcheff
8. Vicki Maree Butcher
9. Gordon Jeffery Caine & Esme Lorraine Caine
10. Judy Kay Purkiss
11. Rachael Claire-Ellen Nazzari
12. Peter Carl McCombe

13. Lori Helen Wiseman
14. Danielle Marie Lewis
15. Christopher Ball
16. Brian David Bill
17. Michael McConaghy
18. Wayne Benjamin James Vicary
19. William & Kathryn Williamson
20. Kimberleigh Tricia Young
21. Shire of Merredin

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

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| • Register of Heritage Places: | Interim Entry | 28/11/2003 |
| | Permanent Entry | 12/11/2004 |
| • National Trust Classification: | | ----- |
| • Town Planning Scheme: | | ----- |
| • Municipal Inventory: | | ----- |
| • Register of the National Estate: | | ----- |

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Railway Housing Precinct, Merredin, comprising 11 brick and iron dwellings (1913-1915) in Federation-period Vernacular style, 6 timber and tile Improved Mill type dwellings (1947) in Inter War Californian Bungalow style, 4 Henry Martin type timber-framed asbestos and iron dwellings (1950) and 2 timber and tile 1970s residences situated at 71-89 Todd Street and 18-36 & 29-35 Kitchener Road, and Merredin, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the historic precinct contains departmental dwellings which are a rare instance of such an extensive example of railway housing, and in association with the adjacent railway precinct, including the water tower and former Station, and the Railway Institute, is significant in Merredin's role as a major railway junction and illustrates the strong railway presence in the town;

the historic precinct was constructed by Western Australian Government Railways (WAGR) between 1913 and the 1970s as a result of the development of branch lines from the Eastern Goldfields

railway line into the surrounding agricultural areas, and the establishment of Merredin as a major railway junction requiring substantial housing for railway employees;

the historic precinct is important as a townscape created by the alternating residences of similar design, in particular the Federation-period Vernacular style brick and iron cottages and the timber and tile residences in the Inter War Californian Bungalows, stretching over two street blocks in the main street of Merredin, and in association with the adjacent station precinct, is a landmark in Merredin;

the various elements of the historic precinct are representative of the type of housing provided for waged railway employees at different periods of the twentieth century;

the historic precinct contributes to the local community's sense of place, being an early and significant part of the town of Merredin and a reminder of the town's substantial railway history; and,

the historic precinct is indicative of WAGR's former practice of providing employee housing near the place of employment.

The house and outbuildings on Lot 1480 (31 Kitchener Road) are of little heritage significance.