



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 15927
2. **NAME** *Railway Cottages, Waroona* (1896)
FORMER NAME Platelayers' Cottages, Drake's Brook
3. **LOCATION** off McNeill Road, Waroona
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
That portion of land being part of the Waroona Station Yard and part of the land the subject of Plan 798 (Sheet 14) as is defined in Heritage Council of WA Survey Drawing No 15927 as prepared by Warren King & Company and Midland Survey Services.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Waroona
6. **OWNER**
State of Western Australia
(Responsible Agency: Western Australian Government Railways Commission)
(Land Leased to: Allan Toms as owner of the cottages)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 16/12/2003
Permanent Entry 30/07/2004
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 28/02/2001
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Railway Cottages, Waroona, a group of three timber framed and iron roofed cottages built to the same pattern in a very simple rendering of the Federation Bungalow style, together with the adjacent section of the

permanent way, in an open landscaped setting, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the cottages are the only known surviving original timber and iron platelayers' cottages in Western Australia, and are among a very small number of extant nineteenth century timber and iron railway houses in the State;

the cottages were built on the South Western Railway in 1895-96, during the early period of the extensive railway building in Western Australia, when a network of track was developed to service many regions of the State;

the cottages are highly valued by the community of the town as the earliest surviving buildings in the town, and as part of the development of the South Western Railway that enabled the development of the district from the late nineteenth century; and,

the cottages contribute to the community's sense of place as they are the only surviving railway buildings of the original Drake's Brook Station (1893) complex.

The more recent adaptations including the enclosure of verandahs, reorganisation of rooms, removal of walls, and creation of covered links between the houses and outbuildings are of little significance.