

# Irwin Shire Council

## Municipal Inventory Place Record

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**Place Details**      **Place Number:** 004      **Category:** 2      **HCWA No:** 1246  
**TPS No:** 49      **Assessment Date:** 05/08/1997      **Last Revision Date:** 09/02/2004

**Name:**

**Former Name:** Hunting Kangaroo Arms, Halfway House

**Type of Place:** House

**Address:** Table Top Road

**Map Reference** BOOKARA NW 1:25000

**Locality Name:** Allanooka

**Area of Site:**

**GPS Northing:**

**GPS Easting:**

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### Photograph

**Date of Photograph:** 5/08/1997

**Source:** *Suba & Grundy*



View of front facade

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### Ownership

**Owner:** J. Schulze

**Owner Phone/Fax:**

**Address:** PO Box 2032, Geraldton, 6531

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### Site Details

**Lot/Locn:** Lot 2 Loc 809

**Diagram/Plan:**

**Vol/Folio:** .

**Reserve:**

**Purpose:**

**Assess No:** 5761

**Vesting:**

**Occupied:** Yes

**Occupier:**

**PubAccess:** No

**Lease:**

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### Uses of the Place

**Original Use:** Inn

**Current Use:** House

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### Description

**Walls:** Limestone

**Roof:** Tiles

**Condition:** Good

**Integrity:** High

**Orig'l Fabric:**

**Modifications**

1997

This small ironstone cottage has a tiled hipped roof with a corrugated iron skillion to the rear, a separate verandah to the front (west) and a small brick enclosed verandah to the north. The corners of the building to the west façade have informal quoins. There is a small chimney to the apex of the gable to the south. The front verandah has a concrete floor with a corrugated iron roof which is supported on metal posts. To the front façade, windows are six-pane double hung with two entry doors, the one to the south being plank. Windows to the south and east are small and of casement style. There is a large river gum (*eucalyptus camaldulensis*) to the south-east of the house.

2004

Not visited

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### History

**Const'n Date:** c1860s

**Source:**

**Architect:** Unknown

**Builder:** Unknown

In 1859 Juan Perejuan took up a tillage lease near the Allanooka swamp and constructed the stone house with a shingle roof soon after. Perejuan had previously been a lay monk at the New Norcia monastery. In the 1860s he added an extra room to his stone and pug house and although he obtained a wayside inn licence in the 1870s his trade had been flourishing in the previous decade. The Inn was situated just north of the junction of the Perth-Geraldton road and the Port Irwin (Port Denison) road with drovers from the north passing the property. Perejuan called his inn "The Halfway House" but the local folk named it the "Hunting Kangaroo Arms" as kangaroo was frequently on the menu, served in different ways pertaining to one's social standing. Juan Perejuan established a large fruit orchard on the nearby swamp where he had a small orchard.

(Source: Bain, M.A., "Ancient Landmarks", C. Ellery, IDHS Records.)

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### Chronology Entries

1869

Juan Perejuan, obtained a tillage lease near the Allanooka Swamp, and in the early '70's obtained a Wayside Inn license for his 'Halfway House'. Being on the main road between the Bay and Perth as well as one day's ride from the Traveller's Rest it became a popular rest stop. Locally it was referred to as the 'Kangaroo Arms' because of the fare served to travellers.

Ancient Landmarks, Bain, M. A., UWA Press, Perth, 1975

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### Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

100 Demographic settlement and mobility

3.12.5 Retailing food and beverages

104 Land allocation and subdivision

3.22 Lodging people

311 Hospitality industry and tourism

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### Statement of Significance

The former Hunting Kangaroo Arms has high historic significance for its connection to the early settlement of, and the transport routes through, the Irwin District. The place has further historic significance given its connection to Juan Perejuan and its use as a wayside inn dating from the 1860s. Further the place and gardens have high aesthetic appeal. The place demonstrates the use of local materials and is a rare example of a wayside inn of its era.

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### Management Category: 2

MAXIMUM INCENTIVES UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING SCHEME.

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High level of protection appropriate: provide maximum protection under the Town Planning Scheme with encouragement to the owner to conserve the significance of the place. Prepare a floor plan and photographically record the place prior to any redevelopment.

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### **Other Listings**

Shire of Irwin - Town Planning Scheme (49); 10/03/1998

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### **Supporting Information**

IDHS Records  
HCWA Database No. 1246  
Bain M.A., "Ancient Landmarks", UWA Press, 1975