

# Irwin Shire Council

## Municipal Inventory Place Record

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**Place Details**      **Place Number:** 009      **Category:** 2      **HCWA No:** 11813  
**TPS No:** 60      **Assessment Date:** 16/10/1996      **Last Revision Date:** 09/02/2004

**Name:** Silo  
**Former Name:**  
**Type of Place:** Silo  
**Address:** Watson Road  
**Map Reference:** HUNT 1:2000 BE42/35.03  
**Locality Name:** Dongara      **Area of Site:**  
**GPS Northing:**      **GPS Easting:**

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### Photograph

**Date of Photograph:** 16/10/1996      **Source:** *Suba & Grundy*



Silo, east elevation

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### Ownership

**Owner:** Shire of Irwin      **Owner Phone/Fax:** 08 99272068      08 99271453  
**Address:** PO Box 21, Dongara, 6525

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### Site Details

<b>Lot/Locn:</b>	Loc 283	<b>Diagram/Plan:</b>	<b>Vol/Folio:</b>
<b>Reserve:</b>		<b>Purpose:</b>	
<b>Assess No:</b>		<b>Vesting:</b>	
<b>Occupied:</b>	No	<b>Occupier:</b>	
<b>PubAccess:</b>	No	<b>Lease:</b>	

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### Uses of the Place

**Original Use:** Silo

**Current Use:** Not in Use

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### Description

**Walls:** Concrete Block

**Roof:** Corrugated Iron

**Condition:** Fair

**Integrity:** Medium

**Orig'l Fabric:**

**Modifications**

Sited at the north end of the Dongara Racecourse, this concrete block structure some 10 metres high, has five timber framed openings to the east and a flat galvanised iron roof.

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### History

**Const'n Date:** c1925

**Source:** IDHS Records

**Architect:** Unknown

**Builder:** Delmage & Thurkle

The silo was built c.1925 as a storage facility for silage which was used as a stock food. It is constructed of locally made concrete blocks, and was built by James Delmage and Alfred Thurkle on Ropely Farm.

(Source: IDHS Records, Shire of Irwin).

Repairs to secure the galvanised iron roofing were carried out by the Shire of Irwin in 2002.

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### Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

112 Technology and technological change

3.12.4 Preserving food and beverages

301 Grazing, pastoralism and dairying

3.9 Farming for commercial profit

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### Statement of Significance

The Silo is a rare surviving example of the use of concrete tower silage technology and demonstrates the effect of technological change on stock food production. Further, the Silo has social significance, being a landmark situated close to the racecourse.

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### Management Category: 2

MAXIMUM INCENTIVES UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING SCHEME.

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 (06); 10/03/1998

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### Supporting Information

IDHS Records

HCWA Database No. 11813