

Irwin Shire Council

Municipal Inventory Place Record

Place Details **Place Number:** 020 **Category:** 2 **HCWA No:** 11815
TPS No: 54 **Assessment Date:** 16/10/1996 **Last Revision Date:** 09/02/2004

Name: Community Centre / Dongara Rag Office
Former Name: Dongara State School (Second School)
Type of Place: Meeting Rooms
Address: Cnr. Waldeck Street & Moreton Terrace
Map Reference: HUNT1:2000 BE42/35.03
Locality Name: Dongara **Area of Site:**
GPS Northing: **GPS Easting:**

Photograph

Date of Photograph: 12/07/2004 **Source:** *Suba & Grundy*



Dongara Second School, south and west facades

Ownership

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

Site Details

Lot/Locn: Lot 73 **Diagram/Plan:** P52280 **Vol/Folio:** 3003/347
Reserve: 33096 **Purpose:** Arts, Crafts, Tourist Information
Assess No: 7160 **Vesting:** Shire of Irwin
Occupied: Yes **Occupier:** Shire of Irwin
PubAccess: Yes **Lease:**

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Uses of the Place

Original Use: School

Current Use: Community Centre

Description

Walls: Brick/ Weatherboard

Roof: Corrugated Iron

Condition: Good

Integrity: High

Orig'l Fabric:

Modifications

Situated on a prominent corner location, this is a two room school constructed of painted brick on a limestone foundation. The gable corrugated iron roof is steeply pitched and extends to form a rear (north) verandah. The verandah is partially enclosed at each corner with weatherboard and fibro sheets and is supported on metal poles at the centre. There are air vents inset below the apex of the gable ends, with three cylindrical metal air vents to the roof. The windows to the south facade are timber framed pivot style. Original window openings to the west have been bricked in. There is a corbelled brick chimney.

History

Const'n Date: 1906

Source:

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

This was the second school built in Dongara and was opened in 1906. It was used until 1972 when the third and current school was opened. The Dongara Pottery Club presently occupies one room and the other is used to produce the 'Dongara Rag', the community newspaper. The building was reroofed in the early 1990s.

(Source: IDHS Records)

2004

In 2001, the place was assessed for inclusion onto the State Heritage Register, but was below the threshold.

Chronology Entries

1906 The second state school was built on the northeast corner of Waldeck Street and Moreton Terrace.
Bunney, R & Ellery, K, Dongara 1839 - 198-, Geraldton Newspapers Print, 1975

Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

402 Education and science

6.2 Establishing schools

404 Community services and utilities

3.20.1 Making, printing and distributing newspapers

208 Newspapers

8.10.2 Creating visual arts

Statement of Significance

The former Dongara School building has historic significance for its connection to the development of education in the district for over 66 years. The building also has social significance being the place where the community newspaper is produced. The building is representative of simple small rural school buildings from the turn of the century and forms an important part of the heritage precinct at the intersection of Waldeck Street and Moreton Terrace.

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.

Other Listings

Shire of Irwin - Town Planning Scheme (54); 10/03/1998

HCWA - Assessment; 27/07/2001

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Supporting Information

IDHS Records

HCWA Assessment (Below Threshold) Completed 27/07/2001