

Irwin Shire Council

Municipal Inventory Place Record

Place Details **Place Number:** 033 **Category:** 4 **HCWA No:** 11818

Assessment Date: 16/10/1996 **Last Revision Date:**

Name: Dongara Hardware Store
Former Name: Site of Delmage's Blacksmith's Shop
Type of Place: Site
Address: Moreton Terrace, cnr. Martin Street
Map Reference: HUNT1:2000 BE42/35.03
Locality Name: Dongara **Area of Site:**
GPS Northing: **GPS Easting:**

Photograph

Date of Photograph **Source:** IDHS/IRME1989



Moreton Terrace looking NW (1907), Blacksmith's shop office on right, Moreton Bay Fig cages along street.

Ownership

Owner: F. Dawson, (Dawson & Clapp Inv) **Owner Phone/Fax:**
Address: PO Box 260, Dongara, 6525

Site Details

Lot/Locn: Lot 1 **Diagram/Plan:** **Vol/Folio:**
Reserve: **Purpose:**
Assess No: 426 **Vesting:**
Occupied: Yes **Occupier:**
PubAccess: Restricted **Lease:**

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Uses of the Place

Original Use: Blacksmith's Shop **Current Use:** Hardware Store/Service Station

Description

Walls: N/A **Roof:** N/A

Condition: N/A **Integrity:** N/A

Orig'l Fabric: **Modifications**

The site of the blacksmith's shop presently houses two large sheds which are similar in construction having a corrugated iron gable roof with cement block walls. The original building was a small corrugated iron shed with a convex roof.

History

Const'n Date: 1880,1960

Source:

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Delmage's Blacksmith's shop, built in about 1880, operated from this site and was one of several blacksmith's shops in Dongara. Later, the Costello family also operated a business on the site. The original buildings were demolished and replaced by the present structures in the early 1960's by B. A. Dawson. The present buildings were reconstructed from materials brought from the Big Bell townsite (near Cue) after the closure of the gold mine by Peter Dawson Snr. and Ken Clapp. Peter Dawson Snr. operated the AC power supply to the town from these premises until the late 1960s. The building operated has a hardware store from the late 1970s.

(Source: IDHS Records and photograph.)

2004

The building currently operates as a hardware store.

Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

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308 Commercial services and industries

3.19 Marketing and retailing

404 Community services and utilities

4.2 Supplying urban services (power)

603 Local heroes and battlers

Statement of Significance

The site of Delmage's Blacksmith's Shop has historic significance for its association with James Delmage and the development of commercial activities in Dongara.

Management Category: 4

HISTORIC SITE OR SIGNIFICANT VEGETATION.

Historic site without built features or with association to an historic personage. Recognise the site with a plaque, place name, paving stone or appropriate marker.

Other Listings

No other heritage listings.

Supporting Information

IDHS Records

HCWA Database No. 11818

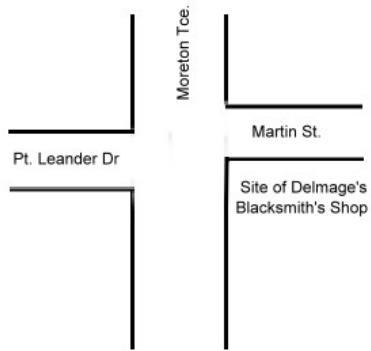
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Additional Photographs

Date of Photograph IR033-1

Source: *G. W. Grundy*



Sketchmap showing Blacksmith's Shop site.
