

Irwin Shire Council

Municipal Inventory Place Record

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Place Details **Place Number: 040** **Category: 2** **HCWA No: 11822**
TPS No: 31 **Assessment Date: 16/10/1996** **Last Revision Date: 20/08/2004**

Name: Coffee Tree Cafe
Former Name: Plester's House
Type of Place: Shops
Address: 8 Moreton Terrace
Map Reference HUNT1:2000 BE42/35.03
Locality Name: Dongara **Area of Site:**
GPS Northing: **GPS Easting:**

Photograph

Date of Photograph: 22/07/2004

Source: G. W. Grundy



View from Moreton Terrace

Ownership

Owner: K & K Northover **Owner Phone/Fax:**
Address: 15 Moreton Terrace, Dongara, 6525

Site Details

Lot/Locn:	Lot 6	Diagram/Plan:	Vol/Folio:
Reserve:		Purpose:	
Assess No:	476	Vesting:	
Occupied:	Yes	Occupier:	
PubAccess:	Restricted	Lease:	

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Uses of the Place

Original Use: Residence

Current Use: Cafe/Hairdresser

Description

Walls: Stone/Brick

Roof: Corrugated Iron

Condition: Good

Integrity: Medium

Orig'l Fabric:

Modifications

This medium sized stone building has a large 'L' shaped brick extension to the rear. The roof is gambrel style with a separate gable with decorative barge boards. The gable covers a large bay window, the central window of which has been converted to a separate entrance to the hairdressers. There is a separate bull nosed verandah which is supported on timber posts. The stone and brick walls are painted and feature painted quoining to corners and openings. Windows are double hung and timber framed.

History

Const'n Date: c1915

Source:

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Built for the Plester family in about 1915. The building has housed the hairdressers since the late 1970s. The cafe opened in the mid 1980s and the first proprietor was Joan McAleer.
(Source: IDHS Records.)

2004

The front verandah was extended in 2001, the building continues to be used as a café and hairdressing salon and has been maintained by the owners.

Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

100 Demographic settlement and mobility

4.5 Making settlements to serve rural Australia

308 Commercial services and industries

3.12.5 Retailing food and beverages

603 Local heroes and battlers

Statement of Significance

The Coffee Tree Café and Hairdressers, former Plester's house, has historic significance for its connection with the development of the town. Further, given its prominent position on the main street, the place makes a high contribution to the character of the town. The use of the place as a cafe gives the place some degree of social significance in the town.

RECOMMENDATION

The Coffee Tree Cafe should be considered for Inclusion in a 'Central Dongara Heritage Precinct' with development considerations made accordingly.

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 (31); 16/10/1996

Supporting Information

IDHS Records

HCWA Database No. 11822

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Additional Photographs

Date of Photograph: 16/10/1996 IR040-1

Source: *Suba & Grundy*



Front (North) aspect from Moreton Terrace
