

Irwin Shire Council

Municipal Inventory Place Record

Place Details **Place Number:** 051 **Category:** 4 **HCWA No:** 11830

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

Name: Site of Dongara Railway Station

Former Name:

Type of Place: Site

Address: Brand Highway

Map Reference HUNT 1:2000 BE42/35.03

Locality Name: Dongara

Area of Site:

GPS Northing:

GPS Easting:

Photograph

Date of Photograph

Source: IDHS/IRME1640



Ken Bass and his bicycle at Dongara Railway Station, taken 1937

Ownership

Owner: J.V. Rowland

Owner Phone/Fax:

Address: PO Box 34, Dongara, 6525

Site Details

Lot/Locn: Loc 539

Diagram/Plan:

Vol/Folio:

Reserve:

Purpose:

Assess No: 2

Vesting:

Occupied: No

Occupier:

PubAccess: No

Lease:

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Uses of the Place

Original Use: Railway Station

Current Use: Not in Use

Description

Walls: N/A

Roof: N/A

Condition: N/A

Integrity: N/A

Orig'l Fabric:

Modifications

Site only, the row of large gum trees marks the road, on the east side of which stood the railway station.

History

Const'n Date: 1894

Source:

Architect: Gustave Liebe?

Builder: Unknown

Photographs of the building show its construction materials to be red ironstone with a frame and weatherboard extension. It was commissioned by the Midland Railway Company for use as the Dongara Station and station masters quarters in 1894 (see Railway House Place No. 55). The building is believed to have been designed and built by Gustave Liebe, who was contracted by the MRWA to build its stations. The building was demolished in 1975 when the new railway line to Eneabba was constructed which entailed rerouting the section of the line through Dongara away from the old station. (Source: IDHS Records and photograph.)

Chronology Entries

1894 The Midland railway line between Perth and Walkaway was completed. Two sidings at Dongara provided services to the Royal Steam Roller Flour Mill and Moore's Store at the East End.

Ancient Landmarks, Bain, M. A., UWA Press, Perth, 1975 Pages 404

1975 Dongara Railway station was demolished. The line was rerouted east of the townsite and a junction was established to connect the new line to Eneabba for the transportation of mineral sands.

Bunney, R & Ellery, K, Dongara 1839 - 198-, Geraldton Newspapers Print, 1975

Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

202 Rail and light rail transport

3.7 Establishing communication

3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

Statement of Significance

The site of the Railway Station has historic significance for its connection to the original location of the Dongara Station and Midland Railway line.

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. 11830
