

Irwin Shire Council

Municipal Inventory Place Record

Place Details **Place Number:** 096 **Category:** 5 **HCWA No:** 11875
Assessment Date: 11/06/1997 **Last Revision Date:** 22/08/2004

Name: Port Denison Drive-In
Former Name:
Type of Place: Drive-In
Address: Point Leander Drive
Map Reference: HUNT 1:2000 BE42/35.03
Locality Name: Port Denison **Area of Site:**
GPS Northing: **GPS Easting:**

Photograph

Date of Photograph: 12/07/2004 **Source:** G. W. Grundy



View including screen

Ownership

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

Site Details

Lot/Locn:		Diagram/Plan:	Vol/Folio:
Reserve:	28659	Purpose:	
Assess No:		Vesting:	
Occupied:	No	Occupier:	
PubAccess:	Restricted	Lease:	

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Uses of the Place

Original Use: Drive In

Current Use: Drive In

Description

Walls: N/A

Roof: N/A

Condition: Fair

Integrity: High

Orig'l Fabric:

Modifications

1996

Located close to the Bowling Club and Recreation Centre, the Drive In Theatre consists of a small brick ticket office, brick projection room and kiosk and large projection screen located to the west side of the site. The parking area is asphalt paved.

2004

The screen and other infrastructure has been maintained by the local community.

History

Const'n Date: 1967

Source:

Architect: Unknown

Builder: H F & L D Mainwaring

Construction was completed on 17 November 1966 and the Denison Drive-In picture theatre was opened on 13 January 1967 by West Talkies owner R. Dean. Previously pictures were shown in the town hall and the school P & C ran the snack bar for many years creating much needed revenue for the school. It is one of only a few Drive-Ins left in Western Australia which is still in use, with pictures being shown in the summer months. Since 1991 the Dongara Youth Council assisted by parents has run the cinema as a fund raiser.

(Source: IDHS Records; Shire of Irwin)

Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

405 Sport, recreation and entertainment

3.21 Entertaining for profit

8.5.4 Pursuing common leisure interests

9.2.2 Joining youth organisations

Statement of Significance

Given its use as a place of entertainment for almost 30 years, the Drive In Theatre has social significance for the residents of Dongara.

Management Category: 5

SIGNIFICANT IN CONTRIBUTING TO LOCAL CHARACTER.

The place has social significance and/or contributes to the streetscape and/or built environment of the precinct. Provide encouragement to the owner to maintain or enhance the street aspect of the place. Photographically record the place prior to any redevelopment.

Other Listings

No other heritage listings.

Supporting Information

IDHS Records

HCWA Database No. 11875

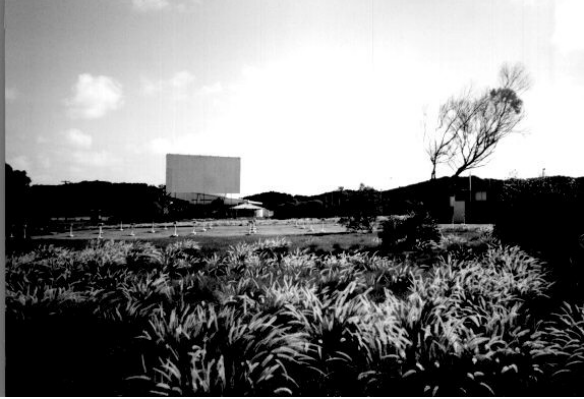
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Additional Photographs

Date of Photograph: 11/06/1997 IR096-1

Source: *Suba & Grundy*



Port Denison Drive In Cinema.
