

# Irwin Shire Council

## Municipal Inventory Place Record

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**Place Details**      **Place Number:** 119      **Category:** 2      **HCWA No:** 12261  
**TPS No:** 27      **Assessment Date:** 05/08/1997      **Last Revision Date:** 24/09/2004

**Name:** Irwin Post Office  
**Former Name:**  
**Type of Place:** House  
**Address:** Midlands Road  
**Map Reference:** HUNT 1:2000 BE42/35.03  
**Locality Name:** Irwin      **Area of Site:**  
**GPS Northing:**      **GPS Easting:**

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### Photograph

**Date of Photograph:** 24/09/2004

**Source:** G. W. Grundy



Irwin Post Office, northwest corner

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### Ownership

**Owner:** L. Morgan      **Owner Phone/Fax:**  
**Address:** PO Box 191, Dongara, 6525

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### Site Details

<b>Lot/Locn:</b>	Lot 31	<b>Diagram/Plan:</b>	<b>Vol/Folio:</b>
<b>Reserve:</b>		<b>Purpose:</b>	
<b>Assess No:</b>	4805	<b>Vesting:</b>	
<b>Occupied:</b>	No	<b>Occupier:</b>	
<b>PubAccess:</b>	No	<b>Lease:</b>	

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### Uses of the Place

**Original Use:** Post Office/Residence      **Current Use:** Not in Use

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### Description

**Walls:** Rendered Brick      **Roof:** Corrugated Iron

**Condition:** Fair      **Integrity:** Medium

**Orig'l Fabric:**      **Modifications**

Sited close to the Midlands Road, the Irwin Post Office is a small rendered brick building with timber framed extensions. The hipped corrugated iron roof extends to cover a corrugated iron enclosed verandah to the rear. Verandahs to the east have also been enclosed. The west wall is rendered and has a central entry door. To the rear of the post office is a small corrugated iron roofed and clad cottage. The main section has a gable roof, which extends to cover verandahs to the front and skillion to the rear. A small corrugated iron addition has been added to the west side.

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### History

**Const'n Date:** 1949

**Source:**

**Architect:** Unknown

**Builder:** Unknown

1996

The small Irwin Post Office was built in 1949 when post mistress Mrs L. Morgan and family moved from the old post office (Rowland's Post Office ) on the opposite side of the highway. This served as the Irwin Post Office until about 1969 when the Midland Railway closed its settlement at the townsite (Source: L. Morgan)

2004

The place has changed little since 1996.

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### Chronology Entries

1877      A post office was established at Strawberry. Post master James Fitzgerald received £10 per annum.

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

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### Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

200 Transport and communications

3.7.1 Establishing postal services

206 Mail services

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### Statement of Significance

The former Irwin Post Office has considerable historic significance for its connection with communications in the district. It is evidence of the Irwin townsite which was an active settlement until c.1960s. The place is representative of small rural post offices although it has been adapted through reuse.

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### 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.

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### Other Listings

Shire of Irwin - Town Planning Scheme (27); 10/03/1998

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### Supporting Information

IDHS Records

HCWA Database No. 12261

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### Additional Photographs

**Date of Photograph:** 24/09/2004    IR119-1

**Source:** *G. W. Grundy*



Quarters, northwest corner

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**Date of Photograph:** 5/08/1997    IR119-2

**Source:** *Suba & Grundy*



Post Office left, Quarters, right.

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**Date of Photograph:** 5/08/1997    IR119-3

**Source:** *Suba & Grundy*



Irwin Post Office Quarters, northwest aspect.

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