

Irwin Shire Council

Municipal Inventory Place Record

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Place Details	Place Number: 120	Category: 2	HCWA No: 12264
	TPS No: 16	Assessment Date: 05/08/1997	Last Revision Date: 24/09/2004
Name:	Irwin Brick Works		
Former Name:			
Type of Place:	Kiln		
Address:	Delmage Street, Irwin		
Map Reference	HUNT 1:2000 BE42/35.03		
Locality Name:	Irwin	Area of Site:	
GPS Northing:		GPS Easting:	

Photograph

Date of Photograph: 29/09/2004

Source: G. W. Grundy



Kiln, looking north

Ownership

Owner:	D & S O'Brian	Owner Phone/Fax:	
Address:	PO Box 343, Dongara, 6525		

Site Details

Lot/Locn:	Lot 51	Diagram/Plan:	Vol/Folio:
Reserve:		Purpose:	
Assess No:	4822	Vesting:	
Occupied:	No	Occupier:	
PubAccess:	No	Lease:	

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Uses of the Place

Original Use: Kiln

Current Use: Not in Use

Description

Walls: Brick

Roof: N/A

Condition: Fair

Integrity: High

Orig'l Fabric:

Modifications

The brickworks are sited close to the Irwin River and consist of the remains of a large brick kiln, brick engine house and brick making machinery. The kiln consists of two tall parallel brick walls about three metres tall, 1.2 metres thick and separated by about three metres. The corners of the walls are buttressed and circular vents are set at one-metre intervals just above ground level. To the east of the kiln a small area with a brick wall accommodated the fuel burning equipment. About 30 metres to the east of the kiln, a small rectangular building contains the engine, which was used to operate the brick making equipment. The equipment itself is sited some 5 metres south of the engine room, the pole shed in which it was housed has collapsed.

History

Const'n Date: c1960

Source:

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Located on the banks of the Irwin River, close to an excellent supply of clay, the brickworks were started by Jack Morgan in September 1959. The works were started over a period of twelve months. Jack Morgan was helped by Vic Ferris who ripped the clay and Tom Ellmes, a brick maker with Whitemans Brick Works at Midland Junction, taught Jack Morgan the art of brick making. Bricks were made by hand using the large engine and the first kiln had a capacity of 700 bricks. The second kiln Jack Morgan built, which is visible today, was the first oil fired kiln in the area. Jack Morgan's bricks were used to build the Council Offices (Place No. 50).

(Source: L. Morgan)

2004

The place has changed little since 1997.

Chronology Entries

1959 The Irwin Brickworks commenced operations, the owner was Jack Morgan.

Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

310 Manufacturing and processing

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

603 Local heroes and battlers

3.13 Developing an Australian manufacturing capacity

Statement of Significance

The Irwin Brick Works has historic significance given it was the first industrial development in the district and possibly the first diesel fired brickworks in the region. The place has further significance given that much of the structure and the equipment remains intact.

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 (16); 10/03/1998

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Supporting Information

IDHS Records
HCWA Database No. 12264

Additional Photographs

Date of Photograph: 24/09/2004 IR120-1

Source: G. W. Grundy



Engine shed, northside

Date of Photograph: 24/09/2004 IR120-2

Source: G. W. Grundy



Brickworks engine

Date of Photograph: 24/09/2004 IR120-3

Source: G. W. Grundy



Brickworks engine, southwest aspect

Date of Photograph: 24/09/2004 IR120-4

Source: G. W. Grundy



Remains of the brick production line

Date of Photograph: 5/08/1997 IR120-5

Source: Suba & Grundy



Brick kiln, south side

Date of Photograph: 5/08/1997 IR120-6

Source: Suba & Grundy



Brickworks engine