





**Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley**

**DRAFT LOCAL HERITAGE SURVEY (LHS) 2022**

Summary of responses from community consultation

Heritage consultant recommendations (Laura Gray – Heritage Intelligence (WA))

Date	Name/Contact Details	Subject property	Property owner's comments/issues	Significance as stated in LHS	Consultant Recommendation
15 June 2022	Paul Cavanagh	Site of original Wyndham Hotel 38 O'Donnell Street Wyndham (Lots 3,4, and 400)	<b>Object to Heritage List: Category 2</b> <i>"The Statement of Significance for this property refers to a building/s that no longer exists. The last building of any historical and/or cultural significance on this site was demolished in 1964. The current building on the site, in no way complies with the significance requirements of a Level 2 or 3. I would strongly object to anything other than Significance Level 4 on this property."</i>	 <p><b>LHS Place No. WT16</b></p> <p><b>Wyndham Hotel (former)</b></p> <p>The existing 1965/66 Wyndham Hotel is the third hotel on this site, representing a significant history of hospitality and socialising since 1886, strategically located opposite Anthon's Landing that was the only contact point with the outside world from the beginning, and from where the original settlement of Wyndham evolved. Associations with all who passed through the port from Goldseekers, meatworkers, pastoralists, locals, and the Swan Brewery who built the existing hotel, are all of historical significance. Social connections in the remote Kimberley were very important part of survival in the harsh environment and the hotel played an important role. In recent decades, a number of movies were filmed in the town and particularly the ABC's "Mystery Road" featuring the hotel as Paterson's Hotel. The existing Wyndham Hotel represents the period of development and is part of Wyndham's story.</p>	<p>Draft recommendation - Heritage List- Category 2</p> <p>As stated the site and its continued use that includes the development of the third hotel on site, are of considerable historic significance. The 1960s hotel in itself significant for the associations since that time, and in representing a period of prosperity in Wyndham.</p> <p>The primary significance is the history of the site and its integral role in the development of Wyndham port town-that includes the existing building.</p> <p>All elements of criteria don't need to be demonstrated to be considered of heritage value including authenticity and integrity that go to the level of significance rather than the actual criteria for assessing the significance. For instance, ruinous places are still of heritage value despite no integrity.</p> <p>From an external view, the existing hotel is authentic with minimal interventions, and arguably has the integrity to be restored and functional. Condition is not an element of assessment and is not a factor against the heritage significance of a place.</p> <p>Refer to "<i>Criteria for the assessment of the heritage place and areas</i>"</p> <p><b>Recommend retain category 2</b></p>
15 June 2022	Paul Cavanagh	<b>Site of CD&amp;D Store &amp; Truscott Shed</b> 34 O'Donnell Street Wyndham (Lots 395, 396)	<b>Object to Heritage List: Category 2</b> <i>"The store was demolished by council order in 2012. Only the shed remains. I strongly suggest it does not comply with a Category 2 rating."</i>	 <p><b>LHS Place No. WT15</b></p> <p><b>SITE Connor, Doherty &amp; Durack (CD&amp;D) Stores. Truscott shed</b></p> <p>The site of Durack's Store represents considerable historic and social significance, as possibly the earliest shop in the Wyndham Port in 1885 with a tramway connection from Anthon's Landing. It was originally operated by the Durack's, a famous pioneering family of the East-Kimberley region. The social significance extends to having supplied goods to the Wyndham community and outlying stations since Wyndham's early days.</p> <p>The Truscott Shed is historically significant for its association with World War Two, and as the last remaining example of the six that were located in the town after World War Two.</p>	<p>Draft recommendation - Heritage List- Category 2</p> <p>The primary significance is the history of the site and its integral role in the development of Wyndham port town. The ultimate demise of the store contributes to that history.</p> <p>Despite the condition of the Truscott shed, it does demonstrate authenticity, and integrity (ability to be restored), and by its historical significance, and rarity as the last remaining of 6 the original six that were relocated to Wyndham.</p> <p>Refer to "<i>Criteria for the assessment of the heritage place and areas</i>"</p> <p><b>Recommend retain category 2</b></p>
15 June 2022	Paul Cavanagh	<b>Wyndham Port Hospital (former)</b>	<b>Object to Heritage List: Category 2</b> <i>"According to the Heritage Council's guidelines, Category 2 places must "exhibit a High degree of integrity / authenticity". The port Hospital (former)</i>		<p>Draft recommendation - Heritage List- Category 2</p> <p>The heritage Council guidelines do not state "MUST". Authenticity and Integrity are elements that can determine the levels of significance of a place that is</p>

		12-28 O'Donnell Street Wyndham	<p>does not fulfil this requirement as it has undergone considerable alterations and modifications over time. I strongly suggest that it fits the description of a Category 3 site, that being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some altered or modified elements, not necessarily detracting from the overall significance of the item.</li> <li>Contributes to the heritage of the locality"</li> </ul>	 <p><b>LHS Place No. WT12</b></p> <p><b>Wyndham Port Hospital (former)</b></p> <p>The former Wyndham Port Hospital and the site of the original hospital are of considerable historic and social significance for the provision of health and medical services since 1894 until 1970, during which time the first RFDS base was established in Wyndham on this site. The adaptation of the hospital to facilitate the Wyndham Port Regional Prison in 1975, and the function of the prison through to 1993 is of considerable historical significance.</p> <p>The social significance as a place of medical and RFDS services and later the prison is of considerable significance in the remote location of Wyndham and evokes a sense of place for generations of the Wyndham community.</p> <p>The aesthetic significance of the collection of buildings on the site, framed by a Boab tree on the front verge is of considerable value to the overall port town and particularly its location in the centre of O'Donnell Street with The Bastion backdrop.</p>	<p>assessed as being of heritage significance by the main 4 criteria of assessment of aesthetic, historic, scientific and social. Only one element of any of those criteria can warrant consideration of heritage significance. The levels of authenticity and integrity are only a factor that MAY have some bearing on the significance of a place but do not affect the primary assessment considerations of social, historical or research value of that place, although may impact the level of aesthetic significance of a place.</p> <p>The considerable significance of the site is the remaining buildings associated with the history of the hospital, the prison, the social interactions and identities, since 1894 - arguably for almost 100 years until the prison closed in 1993. It is one of the most comprehensive establishments still remaining in Wyndham.</p> <p>The former Wyndham Port Hospital is significantly more than "contributes to the heritage of the locality"</p> <p>Refer to "Criteria for the assessment of the heritage place and areas"</p> <p><b>Recommend retain category 2</b></p>
15 June 2022	Paul Cavanagh	<p><b>Drovers Memorial</b></p> <p>Council verge in front of Port Hospital (former)</p> <p>26 O'Donnell Street Wyndham</p>	<b>Support Heritage List: Category 2</b>	 <p><b>LHS Place No. WT12</b></p> <p><b>Drovers Memorial</b></p> <p>The Drover's Memorial has historic significance for the commemoration of the critical role of the early pioneering pastoral industry of the Kimberley, particularly the industry's contribution to the establishment and growth of Wyndham.</p>	<p>Draft recommendation - Heritage List- Category 2</p> <p>This heritage element reiterates the high level of historic significance without authentic heritage construction.</p> <p><b>Recommend retain category 2</b></p>

The objections relate to proposed inclusion in the Heritage List (Category 2).

As described in Section 3 of the LHS primary report, Category 2 places are of considerable significance:

Very important to the heritage of the locality

High degree of integrity/authenticity

Conservation of the place is highly desirable.

Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.

Planning Scheme provisions.

As detailed in the Heritage Council's "Criteria for the assessment of the heritage place and areas" and summarised in Section 2 of the primary LHS report, there are many criteria to be considered in assessing a place for its heritage value. Only one of those criteria can substantiate the significance of a place. Integrity and authenticity that reference the levels of significance but not the actual significance. They are also summarised in that section.

**Integrity** is a measure of the likely long-term viability or sustainability of the values identified, or the ability of the place to restore itself or be restored, and the time frame for any restorative process.

**Authenticity** refers to the extent to which the fabric is in its original state.

It is not a requirement of significance that all elements of assessment criteria are necessary. Just one element is enough to include a place in a heritage survey.

The high levels of historical significance of the places in Wyndham alone warrant category 2 recognition. Authenticity and/or Integrity can contribute to the significance of a place but are not a "must".

The remaining hotel building, the former hospital buildings and the Truscott shed all evidence high degrees of authenticity- that is the original fabric and form that remains.

Integrity refers to the ongoing use of places and certainly the former hospital has evidenced its adaptive outcomes as a hospital, prison and now private accommodations.

The condition of a place is not necessarily detrimental in assessing the significance of a place, as ruins and sites can also be listed as being of exceptional and considerable significance.

A number of sites and ruins in Wyndham (Port town and district) are included in the Heritage List: extract hereunder.

		<b>WYNDHAM PORT</b>	
<b>WP3</b>		SITE: original Wyndham town	Barytes Road
<b>WP4</b>		Cambridge Gulf Magistrate's Residency remnants	Barytes Road
		<b>GULLY ROAD PRECINCT</b>	
<b>G3</b>	9570	Gully Cemetery	Gully Road
		<b>WYNDHAM PORT TOWN</b>	
<b>WT2</b>	9601	SITE Anthon's Landing	Off Foreshore Road
<b>WT3</b>	3281 9615	Wyndham Court House (former) The 1954 North Kimberley Survey & Mapping Expedition Plaque	1 McPhee Street North corner of Gambier Street
<b>WT7</b>	4169	Chinese shop Fong Fan's Store & residence (former)	27 O'Donnell Street
<b>WT8</b>		RSL Memorial Park	29 O'Donnell Street
<b>WT9</b>	4168	Chinese Shop Lee Tong Store	33 O'Donnell Street
<b>WT12</b>	4164	Wyndham Port Hospital (former)	12-28 O'Donnell Street
<b>WT13</b>	9566	Drovers Memorial	26 O'Donnell Street
<b>WT14</b>	6998	Bluey Lloyd's House & Flat (former)	30-32 O'Donnell Street
<b>WT15</b>	4166	SITE Durack Stores. Truscott shed	34 O'Donnell Street
<b>WT16</b>		Wyndham Hotel (former)	38 O'Donnell Street
<b>WT17</b>	6585	The Bend Cemetery	Great Northern Highway
		<b>WYNDHAM- THE THREE MILE</b>	
<b>TM8</b>	14666	Wyndham Picture Gardens	Koolama Street
<b>TM9</b>	9596	Warriu Park & Statues	Koolama Street
		<b>WYNDHAM DISTRICT</b>	
		<b>4 MILE</b>	
<b>Wd1</b>		Afghan Cemetery	Koolama Street off Great Northern Highway
<b>Wd2</b>		SITE Afghan Settlement	Located south of Bonaparte Street
		<b>7 MILE</b>	<b>7 MILE</b>
<b>WD7</b>		Seven Mile Cemetery	Great Northern Highway
		<b>PARRY CREEK</b>	<b>PARRY CREEK</b>
<b>PC1</b>	9606	Telegraph Station ruins	Parry Creek Reserve
		<b>WYNDHAM DISTRICT</b>	<b>WYNDHAM DISTRICT</b>
<b>WD1</b>	9579	SITE Lonely Stockman's grave	Parry Creek Road Buttons Gap
<b>WD6</b>	9595	The Grotto	38 Mile Great Northern Highway