

## Municipal Inventory Information

### LOCATION

LGA Reference Number	78/36
Name of Place	Date Palms
Location/Address	
Street Name	Barrack and Mitchell Streets
Suburb/Town	Merredin Townsite
Other Locational descriptor	South side of Barrack Street, between Fifth and Queen Streets. North side of Mitchell Street between Bates and Queen Streets
Local Government Authority	Merredin
Map References	
Map Name	Merredin Townsite
Map Scale	1:2,000
Northing	NA
Easting	NA

### OWNERSHIP & LAND DESCRIPTION

<i>Owner</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone/fax</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Item No.</i>
<i>Land Description</i>				
<i>Reserve No.</i>	<i>Lot/Location No.</i>	<i>Plan/Diagram</i>	<i>Vol/Folio</i>	<i>Item No.</i>

## DESCRIPTION

Site Type	Trees
Use(s) of Place:	
<i>Present</i>	Decoration, Shade
Modifications	Two specimens on the south side of Barrack Street between Bates and Queen Streets have been pruned because of power lines.
Condition	Good to fair
Integrity	
Apart from the pruned specimens, all of the palms are well positioned where they are unlikely to come to harm and are well shaped.	
Description	
The palms are generally planted in groups of two or three, along the edge of roads, with other trees. Those along Barrack Street are located within a grassed strip which separates the street from facing car parks and successfully punctuate what could otherwise be a large open area. Those along Mitchell Street comprise a group of three in an open area used for carparking and another single specimen between the Clock Tower Building and Court House.	

## SIGNIFICANCE

Historic theme (s)	Social & Civic Activities - Townscape
Statement of Significance	
Palm trees were commonly used in the Australian landscape to contrast with indigenous flora and signify a focus of activity such as a farm house or public park. The palms have a social and historical significance.	
Recommendation/ Conservation Strategy	Recognise and encourage protection through Town Planning Scheme. Photographically document prior to any removals. Consider relocation of power lines that are impinging on some of the Barrack Street palms when replacement falls due. Consider installing a simple barrier, such as a kerb, around the base of the Mitchell Street palms to prevent compaction of roots by cars. Planting of more trees in the parking area would provide alternative shade.

**OTHER**

Listing and Assessment:	
<i>Assessor (s) Name</i>	<i>Assessor (s) Address/Phone</i>
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Film/Neg. Nos, date	5/21-3 <span style="float: right;">18/12/1995</span>
State Register of Heritage Places	No
Classified by the National Trust	No
Register of the National Estate	No
Local Town Planning Scheme	No