





**Heritage Item #**

MI Reference: 70 HCWA No: 16633	Place Name: Platelayers Cottage	Other Name/s: Fettle's Cottage; Cottage 746, Railway Cottage
		Date of Review: October 2021



Address: Opposite 38 Rose Terrace, Spencers Brook	Lot No: 49 Property Key: Plan Diagram: D3029 Vol Folio: 1557/581 Assess No: A11019
Locality: Northam	GPS:
Current Use: Unoccupied	Original Use(s): Residence
<b>HERITAGE LISTINGS</b>	
Listings:	
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	
Date of Construction: c.1917	
Architect / Builder:	
Architectural Style: Federation Bungalow	
<b>PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b>	
<p>Description:</p> <p>Platelayer's Cottage, located opposite 38 Rose Terrace in Spencers Brook, is a single storey rendered masonry building with a corrugated steel gable roof displaying characteristics of the Federation Bungalow style of architecture.</p> <p>The cottage is isolated in a field partially accessible via Rose Terrace. The cottage is in poor condition and appears to be abandoned. Some of the corrugated roof sheets are missing with significant oxidation to those remaining.</p> <p>There is a face brick chimney to the west of the cottage and a corrugated steel roofed verandah, supported by timber posts, along the southern elevation. The verandah has mostly collapsed with significant deterioration to the gutters and roof sheets. The windows and doors to the front façade are missing with one window enclosed by timber boards.</p> <p>An associated separate structure is located to the west of the cottage. It is in a dilapidated condition. Construction materials that are evident are brick, render and timber weatherboard. At the time of viewing (October 2021) a face brick chimney is</p>	

evident. A hinged wall to the outbuilding is referenced in the previous inspection from 2012; however this was not viewed in October 2021. The surrounding land is overgrown and the site is not easily accessible; however, the former fence line is still evident. The cottage is surrounded by several mature eucalyptus trees.
Condition: Poor
<b>HISTORICAL</b>
Notes:
Theme: Workers and Rail and Light Rail Transport
Associations: State Wheat Scheme, Pat Lumis, Department for Planning & Infrastructure, Public Transport Authority, Greg Powers
Heritage Assessment or Conservation Plan:
Public Access: No
<b>SIGNIFICANCE</b>
Level of Integrity: Medium
Level of Authenticity: High
Statement of Significance:
Platelayers Cottage is of cultural heritage significance for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The place is a rare example of a brick and iron platelayer's cottage, and its hinged kitchen wall is an unusual vernacular adaptation to Australia's harsh climatic conditions.</li> </ul>
Level of Significance: Considerable
Heritage Category: 2

Additional Photographs	
	
Front Façade Source: Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2012	Short sheet corrugated roofing Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021
	
Timber boards to window opening Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021	Gate to property Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021



Associated structure  
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