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| **LOCATION INFORMATION***(See fields below)* | Photo:Date:Source: | Old School House Sawyers Valley - looking from east.July 1995Bruce Callow & Associates Pty Ltd |
| HCWA Reference No. | HCWA No. | Other Reference No. | MDG Site No. 155 |
| Name of Place | Sawyers Valley School |
| Other Name (1) |  |
| Other Name (2) |  |
| **Location/Site/Address:** |  |
| Street Number |  | Street Name | Sawyers Road |
| Suburb/Town | Sawyers Valley |
| Other Locational descriptor *(text)* |  |
| Local Government Authority | Shire of Mundaring |
| Map References: *(use fields below)* |  |
| Map Name | Perth BG34 | Map scale  | 1 : 20 000 |
| Rectangle | 66 60 | Northing |  | Easting |  |
| Area (ha) |  |
| **OWNERSHIP & LAND DESCRIPTION**  |
| Owner *(use fields below):* | *NB. "Status" - ownership type ie: freehold, vestee, lessee, occupier). Use "Item N0." to link owner & land parcel if more than one of each.* |
| Owner | Address | Phone/fax | Status | Item No. |
| Education Dept | 151 Royal Street East Perth 6004 | 264 4111 |  |  |
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| **Land Description** *(use fields below):* |
| Reserve No. | Lot/Location No. | Plan/Diagram | Vol/Folio | Item No. |
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| **DESCRIPTION:** |
| Construction Date (1) | 1897 |
| Construction Date (2) |  |
| Source/Details | Elliot, I. ibid. p. 105 |
| Site Type *(see HCWA ‘Type’ list)* | 0302 / 0303 |
| **Use(s) of Place** *(use fields below):* |  |
| Original | School Quarters | Present | Pre Primary | Other |  |
| Architect/Designer (1) |  |
| Architect/Designer (2) |  |
| Other Associated Persons  |  |

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| **Description *(c****ont’d)* |
| Construction Materials *(use fields below):* |
| Walls | painted weatherboard |  |  |
| Roof | corrugated iron |  |  |
| Other | timber veranda |  |  |
| Modifications | alterations to convert from headmaster's house to pre-school centre. |
| Condition | very good |
| Integrity *(how much of the original fabric is intact? - use text field below):* |
| High - however, alterations to pre-school have modified its form although these would be reversible. |
| **Description:** *(Describe the place and its setting):* |
| The old weatherboard headmaster's house at Sawyers Valley School appears to have been built in two stages with a presumably older two room cottage with rear leanto at the back to which another two rooms and veranda have been added to the front (south). The two adjoining structures are expressed in the parallel pitched corrugated iron roof ridges running across the rooms (east west) and which results in two gable ends on each side and a box gutter between the two. There is a brick chimney on the centre of the east end gable of the rear element. The timber windows are tall. double hung, with four or eight pane configuration and a panelled front door opening onto the verandah. The veranda is an extension of the main roof with timber floor set up on stumps half a metre or so above ground level and surrounded by a "criss-cross" balustrade.**History of Place / Site:** In the 1880s, with the advent of the Eastern Railway and Edmund Lacey’s Enterprise Steam Sawmill, population increases in the Sawyers Valley area, warranted a school for local children. In 1884, Lacey erected a timber building on 4 acres of land halfway between his mill and White’s Mill. White’s Mill was later Lion Mill, and then from March 1924, became Mt. Helena. By 1887, there were 29 fee paying students at Sawyers Valley School. In 1890, the school operated part-time, sharing a teacher with Lion Mill. This situation continued until May 1893, when, following numerous complaints from teacher Miss Alice Dewar about the state of the room and equipment, the Sawyers Valley School closed and children from there attended Lion Mill School. In 1895, the Sawyers Valley School resumed in temporary accommodation. By November 1897, when Surveyor J.T.H. Goodwin completed his survey of the Sawyers Valley townsite, Lot 43 was shown to contain a timber weatherboard and iron-roofed schoolroom, 29ft x 35ft, and nearby, a similarly constructed teacher’s house, 37ft x 39ft. The first headmaster to occupy the house was Alfred Hatfield. As was often the case, school teachers took an active role in the local community. A.C. Armstrong, Headmaster 1904-1913, was involved with the local Progress Association, sporting groups and the Horticultural and Industrial Society. Today, the only original building at the Sawyer’s Valley Primary School site is the former Headmaster’s house, now used as a pre-school, and which is thought to be one of the oldest surviving school buildings in the Shire. |

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| **SIGNIFICANCE** |
| Historic theme (s)  | Population: settlement & mobility; Social & Civic activities. |
| **Statement of Significance** *(use field below - to be completed by Assessor)* |
| The Sawyer's Valley Headmaster's house has *very high social and historic significance* as possibly one of the oldest school quarters remaining in the Shire and as a typical example of a headmaster's house at the turn of the century. |
| **Recommendation/Conservation Strategy**  *(To be completed by Assessor)* |
|  The Sawyer's Valley Headmaster's house requires the *highest level of protection under the Municipal Inventory and the owners be provided with the maximum encouragement to conserve the significance of the place* for future generations. Care should be taken to ensure that modifications are reversible and do not take away the original residential character of the place. A display of interpretive material and or plaque identifying the significance of the place is also recommended. |
| **OTHER INFORMATION** |
| Bibliography: *(cite sources used below)* | Refer also to Bibliography-Appendix |
| Elliot, I. Ibid. pp. 83, 105-7; MHHS File 'Sawyers Valley' |
| **Listing and Assessment:** |  |
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| Bruce Callow & Assoc Pty Ltd | 69 Grt Northern Hwy or PO Box 1377, Midland 6056Tel. (09) 250 2296 Fx. (09) 274 6592  |
| Nominee’s Name *(optional)* | Nominee’s Address *(optional)* |
|  MHHS. |  |
| State Register of Heritage Places: | *(y/n)*  | Date: |
| Classified by the National Trust | *(y/n)* | Date: |
| Register of the National Estate | *(y/n)* | Date: |
| Local Town Planning Scheme | *(y/n)* | Date: |