

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 131	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 06/11/1996	Last Revision Date: 02/11/2009	
HCWA Number: 13381	Asset ID: MCH126654	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Wonthella Memorial Hall Fmr
Other Names:	282 Fifth Street
Type of Place:	Hall
Address:	282 Fifth Street
Suburb:	Wonthella

LOCATION

Map Reference: 16.16	GPS Northing: 6815706.00	GPS Easting: 268977.000
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Photo Description:

10/12/2009

Tanya Henkel

Entire building painted dark grey.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 3	Assess No.:	15161
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Hall		
Current Use:	Retail		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	No	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Brick	Roof:	Asbestos
Condition:	Fair	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:	Large extension to east side		

This large brick hall has a corrugated asbestos gable roof with eaves overhang. The front (south) of the building is enhanced with a stepped parapet which has corbelled brickwork to each side. Located below the central step of the parapet, a large metal sign indicates the occupants of the building and below this, a large masonry plaque reads "WONTHELLA MEMORIAL HALL 1960". A new tinted glass enclosed entry porch with a shallow pitched gable roof has been added to the front facade. Windows to the west side of the building are small timber framed casement style. A large brick extension has been constructed on the eastern side addressing Howard Street and the whole building has been painted dark grey. A low brick wall forms the front property boundary.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1960	Source:	Building Sign
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

This building was built by the Wonthella Progress Association with funds raised by the local community as well as from the airforce association. It is known as a memorial hall in memory of the RAAF members who lost their lives during the war. (Source: Shirley Scotter) The Hall became the social centre for the Wonthella community who used it for social occasions, meetings and sports such as badminton and squash. The Hall was sold to

GTW 11 in 1975 and later to the GWN television network in 1987. In 2001 the building was converted in to a furniture store. ("Geraldton: A Photographic History", Local Studies Unit, p. 58)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 405 Sport, recreation and entertainment
501 World wars and other wars
AHC: 8.5 Forming associations
9.7.3 Remembering the dead

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wonthella Memorial Hall Fmr has high social significance for its connection to the development of Wonthella and for its use as a venue for social functions since 1960. It is one of the largest buildings in the area and, although altered from its original form, still makes a contribution to the built environment of the suburb.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 2
Level of Significance: CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation: Conservation of the place is highly recommended. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the heritage values of the place and should retain significant fabric wherever feasible.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

"Geraldton: A Photographic History", by Geraldton Local Studies Unit.

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

6/11/1996

Suba & Grundy

Front facade showing the name and occupant of the building, with original lean to at right.