

<b>Area:</b> Geraldton	<b>Place Number:</b> 27	<b>Category:</b> 3
<b>Assessment Date:</b> 06/11/1996	<b>Last Revision Date:</b> 10/07/2009	
<b>HCWA Number:</b> 13219	<b>Asset ID:</b> MCH126983	

### PLACE DETAILS

<b>Name:</b>	House
<b>Other Names:</b>	9 Bertie Street
<b>Type of Place:</b>	House
<b>Address:</b>	9 Bertie Street
<b>Suburb:</b>	Beresford

### LOCATION

<b>Map Reference:</b> 15.17	<b>GPS Northing:</b> 6816767.00	<b>GPS Easting:</b> 267373.000
	<b>GPS Northing:</b> 0000	<b>GPS Easting:</b> 000



#### Photo Description:

9/08/2007

Rod Milne

View of the north west elevations.

## SITE DETAILS

<b>Lot No.:</b>	Lot 37	<b>Assess No.:</b>	12604
<b>Reserv No.:</b>		<b>Vol/Fol:</b>	
<b>Dia/Plan:</b>			

## USE OF PLACE

<b>Original Use:</b>	Residence		
<b>Current Use:</b>	Residence		
<b>Ownership:</b>			
<b>Public Access:</b>	No	<b>Occupied:</b>	Occupied

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Walls:</b>	Weatherboard	<b>Roof:</b>	Corrugated Iron
<b>Condition:</b>	Good	<b>Integrity:</b>	
<b>Original fabric:</b>			
<b>Modifications:</b>			

Situated in an elevated position this timber framed weatherboard clad house has a combination roof. A hipped roof extends to cover the verandahs to the west and north, while a gable roof extends to cover the main room to the north. There is a corrugated iron awning supported on timber braces to the window of the main room. The verandah is supported on turned timber posts with a criss-cross timber balustrade. Windows are timber framed and double hung with french doors to the verandah. The main entry door has leadlight treatments to the fanlight and side windows. To the rear there is a timber framed lean-to. The west and north of the house is surrounded by a white picket fence.

## HISTORY

<b>Construction Date:</b>	unknown	<b>Source:</b>	
<b>Architect:</b>	Unknown		
<b>Builder:</b>	Unknown		

The owners of the house claim that it was transported to Geraldton from Big Bell near Cue where it was used as the Postmaster's house. However, local amateur historian Stan Gratte believes that the house was the Big Bell Mine Manager's house. Complicating things further, Max Cramer claims the house was shifted by C. Gibbins from the wheat silo area.

## HISTORIC THEMES

<b>HCWA:</b>	104 Land allocation and subdivision 300 Occupations
<b>AHC:</b>	4.1.2 Making suburbs

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although its original use still needs to be confirmed, the house has considerable historic significance for its association with the Big Bell Mine near Cue. Further it is an example of numerous buildings which were relocated to new centres following downturns in the mining industry, hence providing evidence of the reuse of buildings. The house has considerable aesthetic appeal given the use of decorative elements such as turned verandah posts and leadlight and fanlight windows. The place has increasing rarity value given the loss of weatherboard clad houses in Geraldton in recent years.

## MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

<b>Management Category:</b>	3
<b>Level of Significance:</b>	MODERATE SIGNIFICANCE: Important to the heritage of the locality.
<b>Management Recommendation:</b>	Conservation of the place is recommended. Any proposed change to the place 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

Bibliography:  
HCWA Database No. 13898.

## OTHER PHOTOS



**Photo Description:**

6/11/1996

Suba & Grundy

View from Bertie Street showing picket fence.