

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 70	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 05/12/1996	Last Revision Date: 06/10/2009	
HCWA Number: 13253	Asset ID: MCH126832	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Two Mile Well
Other Names:	Chapman Road
Type of Place:	Well
Address:	Chapman Road
Suburb:	Beresford

LOCATION

Map Reference: 15.18	GPS Northing: 6817626.00	GPS Easting: 267587.000
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Photo Description:

30/07/2007

Rod Milne

Stone lined well immediately north of Gatekeepers Cottage.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 2931	Assess No.:	12572
Reserv No.:	3651	Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Well		
Current Use:	Tourist Destination		
Ownership:	Western Australian Government		
Public Access:	Yes	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Stone	Roof:	Not applicable
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

This is a stone well with a reconstructed rectangular stone cover and windless. A plaque erected as part of the Bicentennial Celebrations records the history of the well.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1861	Source:	Register Documentation
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

The Bicentennial Plaque reads, " This well was sunk in the 1860s and is located on the main Northern Road for use by travellers and their stock. During the 1870's the well and surrounding land became part of a railway reserve. In 1896 the well was handed over to the Municipality of Geraldton. Council restored the well in 1962." Constance Norris states that the Government Well is located 2 miles from the beginning of Chapman Road and Phelps Street. (Source: Norris, C., "Geraldton on the Sand: Champion Bay, WA", 1994, p8)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	204 Droving
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AHC: 3.8.5 Moving goods and people on land

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of the Two Mile Well has high historic significance for its connection with the development of road transport between Geraldton and Northampton.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	1
Level of Significance:	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is considered essential. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the significance of the place and be in accordance with either a Conservation Plan or Heritage Impact Statement.

OTHER LISTINGS

Heritage Council of WA - Register, 20/02/2004
National Trust of WA - Classified, 07/03/1995

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Feilman & Associates, "Survey of Places of Historic and Landscape Significance in Geraldton", 1977.
Norris, C., "Geraldton on the Sand: Champion Bay, WA", 1994.

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

5/12/1996

Suba & Grundy

Reconstructed timber windlass atop stone lined well.