

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 209	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 30/10/1996	Last Revision Date: 24/11/2009	
HCWA Number: 1061	Asset ID: MCH126965	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Community Education Centre
Other Names:	Forrest Lodge, Forrest House
Type of Place:	Community Centre
Address:	24 Gregory Street
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference: 14.15	GPS Northing: 6814344.00	GPS Easting: 266225.000
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Photo Description:

3/01/2008

Rod Milne

View from Gregory Street.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 2749	Assess No.:	10955
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	1559/140
Dia/Plan:	183739		

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Residence		
Current Use:	Community Centre		
Ownership:	Geraldton Regional Community Education Centre Ass		
Public Access:	Restricted	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Stone (Rendered)	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

Forrest Lodge is an example of a large single storey Victorian Georgian residence from the mid-late 19th century. It has been restored in more recent times to become an education centre. Restoration included a new shingled roof and verandah attached to the wall below the eaves of the main roof. The shingles have since been replaced with corrugated iron roof sheeting. The main roof is hipped and constructed with 'M' shaped ridges forming a box gutter running to the rear. The verandah is raised half a metre above the street level which adds to the dignity of the place. A limestone wall along the front boundary is part original and part reconstruction of an earlier wall, with some parts of the original material thought to have been incorporated.

The verandah roof is supported on square, stop chamfered, timber posts at the edge of a timber boarded floor onto which pairs of French doors open across the front. The French doors have arched fanlights over them with decorative mouldings around the arch in the painted, rendered walls. Down the sides are 6 pane, double hung windows providing light into large rooms some of which also access onto the side verandahs via French doors. At the rear a large cellar is built under the house to which only external access is gained. The cellar is now used as a workshop/ studio space. Across the rear of the house a series of workshop spaces are said to be in the former stables. They could also have been garages or outbuildings in the approximate position of the former stone stables as seems to be evidenced by early photographs displayed inside. The

interior of the place is in good condition however the placement of some new openings, partitions and room usage over the years has diminished the character of the former residence. A new ablution block has been constructed immediately to the north.

HISTORY

Construction Date: 1874 **Source:** HCWA
Architect: Unknown
Builder: Unknown

This building was constructed in 1874 and over the years has served as a bank, residence and boarding house. The land and building remained as part of Lionel Samson's estate until it was sold to the Anglican Church when, with separate additions, it became known as Forrest House - a boarding house for country boys. (Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996, p117-8) Forrest Lodge was a hostel for boys attending the high school. It provided board and lodging for children from far-away farms and stations. (Doncaster, T., "Spinifex Saints: the Diocese of North West Australia, 1910-1985, Western Mount Publications, 1985, p28) The building was restored in 1974 and now houses the Geraldton Regional Community Education Centre. At the rear of Forrest Lodge the original stables have been converted into meeting rooms for the various activities conducted by the Centre. (Geraldton Heritage Trail)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 402 Education and science
 404 Community services and utilities
 310 Manufacturing and processing
AHC: 6 Educating
 3.22 Lodging people
 3.13 Developing an Australian manufacturing capacity

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Forrest Lodge has considerable significance aesthetically as a fine example of a large, mid-late 19th Century residence in excellent condition even though its use has now changed. It is an important illustration of the adaptation of a heritage property to find compatible uses that will extend its life. It has historical and social significance as an old residence, hostel and education centre serving the town.

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

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Gray, L., "Conservation Plan for Fmr Forrest Lodge", 2003.
Bain, M.A. "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996.
GLLSPC - Buildings (Miscellaneous).
Feilman & Associates, "Survey of Places of Historic and Landscape Significance in Geraldton", 1977.
Geraldton Heritage Trail.
Doncaster, T., "Spinifex Saints: the Diocese of North West Australia, 1910-1985", Western Mount Publications, 1985.

OTHER PHOTOS



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Suba, Callow & Grundy

Shingle roof since reclad with iron.