

City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Geraldton Place Number: 304 Category: 2

 Assessment Date:
 05/12/1996
 Last Revision Date:
 18/12/2009

 HCWA Number:
 13464
 Asset ID:
 MCH127044

PLACE DETAILS

Name: Yacht Club Hall

Other Names: 214 Marine Terrace

Type of Place: Hall

Address: 214 Marine Terrace

Suburb: Geraldton

LOCATION

Map 14.15 GPS 6814552.00 GPS 266293.000

Reference: Northing: 0000 Easting: 000

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SITE DETAILS

Lot No.: Lot 814

Reserv No.: 5525 **Assess No.:** 11470

Dia/Plan: Vol/Fol:

USE OF PLACE

Original Use: Hall
Current Use: Hall

Ownership:

Public Access: Restricted Occupied: Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls: Brick (Rendered) Roof: Asbestos

Condition: Good Integrity:

Original fabric: Modifications:

The Yacht Club Hall addresses Marine Terrace with a wide setback which includes two mature Norfolk Island Pine trees. The building has a gable asbestos clad roof with a tall painted stepped rendered masonry parapet. The central panel of the parapet has raised masonry letters which spell out, "The Geraldton Yacht Club 1932". Below the parapet a small suspended concrete awning covers the original entrance which now contains a fixed nine pane timber framed window. Windows each side of the entrance are fixed 12 pane timber framed with a single pane transom light. To the side wall windows are eight pane timber framed and are set high. The newer 1964 clubrooms were constructed adjoining the Hall.

HISTORY

Construction Date: 1932 Source: Foundation Stone

Architect: Tom Roberts **Builder:** R.F. Cardilini

This Club was in existence as early as 1879 under the name of the Victorian Yacht Club. The Geraldton Yacht Club was formally founded on 1 October 1914 and became an incorporated organisation on 7 June 1932. (Yachting Association of WA, Annual Reference Yearbook, 1993/94, p.44) Mixed fleet racing used to take place from the end of the Esplanade Jetty. The Club's first premises were in tin sheds located near

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the John Forrest Memorial. (Champion Trail) The Geraldton Yacht Club Hall was built in 1932, designed by architect Tom Roberts who also designed Birdwood House and built by contractor R.F. Cardilini at a cost of £1,400. The foundation stone was laid by Richard Carson Esq. President of the Yacht Club on 29 August, 1932. (Foundation Stone & "Geraldton Guardian & Express, 6 & 8/12/1932) The building was opened by the Mayor, Mr George Lester, on Saturday, 3 December, 1932. The building was the centre of much social activity with regular dances held there, especially during the Second World War when many troops were stationed in Geraldton. (Stan Gratte)

A 1932 newspaper article describes the building: "...the building is an imposing structure of 76 feet by 46 feet over all. It is built of locally made bricks, the front having a cemented surface." The article continues to describe the main hall, the kitchen and the spacious verandah which faced the sea. ("Geraldton Guardian & Express", 1/12/1932) In March 1964, the Minister for Local Government, L.A. Logan, opened the 20,000 pound extensions to the Geraldton Yacht Club.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 405 Sport, recreation and entertainment

300 Occupations

AHC: 8.1 Organising recreation

8.1.1 Playing and watching organised sport

3.5.1 Grazing stock

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Geraldton Yacht Club Hall has considerable historic and social significance not only for its connection to yachting for many years but also for its use for various social activities over the years. Further, the original part of the Geraldton Yacht Club is a good example of Art Deco style buildings in Geraldton. The place, with its tall rectangular parapet wall and large timber framed windows, makes a high contribution to the streetscape of the locale and the built environment of Geraldton.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 2

Level of Significance: CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important

to the heritage of the locality.

Management

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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

Considine & Griffiths Architects, "Geraldton Foreshore Conservation Plan", 2002 - Building 77.

Yachting Association of WA, Annual Reference Yearbook, 1993/94.

GLLSPC - Buildings (Miscellaneous).

Champion Trail.

"Geraldton Guardian & Express".

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos

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