

# City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Greenough Place Number: 127 Category: 2

 Assessment Date:
 30/09/1997
 Last Revision Date:
 09/03/2005

 HCWA Number:
 3945
 Asset ID:
 MCH127106

## **PLACE DETAILS**

Name: Walkaway Hotel
Other Names: Palace Hotel

**Type of Place:** Hotel

**Address:** Cnr Padbury & Levett Roads

**Suburb:** Walkaway

## **LOCATION**

**Map** Walkaway **GPS** 6796685.00 **GPS** 285784.000

**Reference:** Townsite Northing: 0000 Easting: 000



## **Photo Description:**

16/09/2004 Henkel Prominent corner location

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#### SITE DETAILS

**Lot No.:** Lot 1 Loc 1259

Reserv No.: Assess No.: 63264

**Dia/Plan:** 31355 **Vol/Fol:** 1582/420

#### **USE OF PLACE**

Original Use: Hotel
Current Use: Hotel

Ownership: Unknown
Public Access: Yes Occupied: Occupied

# **DESCRIPTION**

Walls: Brick Roof: Corrugated Iron

Condition: Not applicable Integrity:

Original fabric: Parapet detailing

**Modifications:** Side windows replaced

Located prominently in the town of Walkaway, this 'L' shaped building is of brick construction with a hipped corrugated iron roof. There is a separate verandah roof to both street elevations which is supported on metal poles. The verandah is partly enclosed by a brick extension to the south elevation to accommodate the bottle shop. The brickwork is painted and features a white rendered band to half wall height and rendering below window sills. There is evidence of the original corner entry in the form of a decorative parapet, however the entry has been closed off. The roof is punctuated by four tall corbelled brick chimneys.

2004/05 Review: The building was reroofed with red colourbond in 2003/04 as part funded by a Federal Historic Hotels grant. Work also included a new verandah roof and posts. The external brickwork has been painted cream while the rendered base and band is green.

#### **HISTORY**

Construction Date: 1907 Source: Geraldton Express

Architect: Not available Builder: Not available

The Walkaway Hotel was built in 1907 for Mr P. Stone who then sold the building to O. McKenna. Mr R. Wallace was the first licencee. In

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December 1908, E.J. Duffy took over the licence. W.F. Glover became licencee in March 1912. By then it was known as the Palace Hotel. Other licencees included W. McDonald (c1917), E.M. Daly (c1927-1934), Frank E. Harper (c1934), John Brownrigg (up to 1938), Harold Sands (1938-9) and Lawrence Whitehill from 1939.

(Source: Gary Martin)

#### HISTORIC THEMES

**HCWA:** 311 Hospitality industry and tourism

400 Social and civic activities

600 People

**AHC:** 3.21 Entertaining for profit

3.22 Lodging people

8.5.4 Pursuing common leisure interests

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Walkaway Hotel has considerable historic significance as a commercial facility that has existed for over ninety years, providing for social and recreational events for the local community. Further the place has aesthetic value given that it is one of the most substantial buildings in town and commands a prominent position. The hotel is an essential part of the townscape of Walkaway and makes an important contribution to the heritage of the district.

#### MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 2

Level of Significance: CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important

to the heritage of the locality.

**Management** Conservation of the place is highly

**Recommendation:** 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

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# **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Bibliography:

"The New Hotel, Walkaway" Geraldton Express 20/02/1907.

Greenough-Walkaway Heritage Trail

HCWA Database No. 3945.

# **OTHER PHOTOS**

No other photos

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