

City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Greenough Place Number: 163 Category:

Assessment Date: 22/09/1997 Last Revision Date: 09/03/2005 HCWA Number: 3958 Asset ID: 09/03/2005

PLACE DETAILS

Name: St James Chapel

Other Names: Kojarena Road South (east side)

Type of Place: Chapel

Address: Kojarena Road South (east side)

Suburb: Kojarena

LOCATION

Map Nanson **GPS** 6818896.00 **GPS** 292108.000

Reference: S.W. Northing: 0000 Easting: 000



Photo Description:

12/05/2004

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North west elevations of the church

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SITE DETAILS

Lot No.: Lot 0 of Loc 2186

Reserv No.: Assess No.: 61273

Dia/Plan: Vol/Fol:

USE OF PLACE

Original Use: Church Current Use: Church

Ownership:

Public Access: Restricted Occupied: Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls: Limestone Roof: Corrugated Iron

Condition: Fair **Integrity:**

Original fabric: Modifications:

The St James Catholic Chapel at Kojarena is a simple stone building located not far from the Koogereena Homestead [Place No. 162] and has been referred to as its "Chapel of Ease". Designed by Monsignor John Hawes, and built in 1936 it is very plain and austere compared to most of his work. Set back from the road and surrounded by trees, the chapel is constructed from local dark iron stone with white lime mortar. The simple rectangular building with a steeply pitched corrugated iron gable roof features small gothic arched windows and entry door openings as its only form of embellishment. There is a small lean-to structure off the north side of the sanctuary at the rear which incorporates a confessional and vestry. Three arched windows on the end wall above the altar face back towards the main double entry doors. The internal walls are plastered and painted and there is no ceiling to the underside of the roof framing which supports the exposed underside of the corrugated iron. A marble plaque is incorporated into the front wall and bears the date 1936.

HISTORY

Construction Date: 1935 **Source:** Foundation Stone

Architect: John C. Hawes Builder: Mr Osborne

Designs for the Kojarena Chapel were drawn up by priest and architect Monsignor John Hawes and are dated 1933. It was built under the

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patronage of James O'Brien by Mr Osborne and was consecrated by the Bishop of Geraldton, the Most Rev. Dr O'Collins, on the 24 November 1935. Prior to this, church services were held in a nearby homestead whenever a priest visited the Kojarena district. The chapel is no longer in regular use. (Sources: "Cathedral Chronicle", January 1936, Vol V No. 53, p.3, Shields, B., "Around the Cutting - Memories of the Kojarena-Bringo area 1907-1989" & Taylor, J., "The Art and Architecture of John Cyril Hawes", Preparatory Manuscript)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 406 Religion

605 Famous and infamous people

602 Early settlers

AHC: 8.6.4 Making places for worship

8.10.4 Designing and building fine buildings

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St James Chapel, Kojarena, has considerable social significance for its connection to religion in the community and high historic significance given it was designed by noted priest-architect Monsignor John Cyril Hawes. The place demonstrates the use of local materials and is a good example of small rural stone churches of its era. The chapel contributes to the historic character of the area.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 1

Level of Significance: EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the

heritage of the locality.

Management Conservation of the place is considered

Recommendation: 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.

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OTHER LISTINGS

Heritage Council of WA - Assessment Program, 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:

HCWA Database No. 3958.

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Taylor, J., "Conservation Plan", 1999.

Photographs:

GHS0043 chapel (n.d.).

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos

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