

City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Greenough Place Number: 213 Category: 4

 Assessment Date:
 24/10/1996
 Last Revision Date:
 24/02/2015

 HCWA Number:
 17785
 Asset ID:
 MCH126806

PLACE DETAILS

Name: Army Fireplace

Other Names: off Narra Tarra Road

Type of Place: Ruin

Address: off Narra Tarra Road **Suburb:** Moonyoonooka

LOCATION

Map Howatharr **GPS** 6818471.82 **GPS** 275700.070

Reference: a S.E. Northing: 0000 Easting: 000



Photo Description:

10/05/2005 Martin

View of army fireplace near Mt Fairfax

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SITE DETAILS

Lot No.: Lot 53

Reserv No.: Assess No.: 69938

Dia/Plan: Vol/Fol:

USE OF PLACE

Original Use: Army Headquarters

Current Use: Not in use

Ownership:

Public Access: No Occupied: Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls: Stone/Concrete Roof: Not applicable

Condition: Not applicable **Integrity:**

Original fabric: Modifications:

The consultants were unable to visit the site, however Stan Gratte assisted with this description: Located approximately 400 metres SSW from the south east brow of Mt Fairfax is a chimney which is all that remains of the former army headquarters. The chimney is of stone and concrete construction. There is evidence of a gravel floor nearby. The paddock in which the chimney is located is referred to as "Chimney Paddock".

2004/05 Review: The consultant was unable to access this site.

HISTORY

Construction Date: 1940 Source: S. Gratte

Architect: Not available Builder: Not available

This site was the headquarters for the 8th Infantry Brigade in November 1942, the 5th Infantry Brigade in February 1943 and the 2nd Infantry Division in July 1943. Following the departure of the army from the area in c1945 all that was left was a couple of bough (bush) sheds, according to Stan Gratte.

(Sources: Stan Gratte & G. McKenzie-Smith, "Australia's Forgotten Army", Vol 1, pp.38, 104, 130-1)

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HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 500 Outside influences

501 World wars and other wars

AHC: 7.7 Defending Australia

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The stone fireplace remains have some historic significance as evidence of war time activities in the area.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 4

Level of Significance: SOME SIGNIFICANCE: Contributes to the

heritage and/or historical development of the

locality.

Management Conservation of the place is desirable. Any **Recommendation:** proposed change to the place should be in

sympathy with the heritage values of the place.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:

McKenzie-Smith, G., "Australia's Forgotten Army", Vol 1.

OTHER PHOTOS

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Photo Description: 1/06/1997 Henkel View showing fireplace opening

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