

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 217	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 09/12/2005	Last Revision Date: 11/03/2010	
HCWA Number: 13752	Asset ID: MCH126821	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Geraldton Airport
Other Names:	No. 4 Service Flying Training School
Type of Place:	Buildings
Address:	Gordon Garrat Drive
Suburb:	Moonyoonooka

LOCATION

Map Reference: 14.15	GPS Northing: 6812574.00	GPS Easting: 275675.000
	GPS Northing: 0000	GPS Easting: 000



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One of the former RAAF buildings

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 1	Assess No.:	11624
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	No. 4 Service Flying Training School buildings		
Current Use:	various		
Ownership:	Shire of Greenough		
Public Access:	Restricted	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Corugated Iron	Roof:	Corugated Iron
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:	Front facade reclad with fibro		

Several buildings from the former No. 4 Service Flying Training School remain on the site. Further research is required to locate and identify these buildings.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1942	Source:	
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Allied Works Council		

These buildings were some of many built by the Allied Works Council in 1941 to house the staff and students of the No.4 Service Flying Training School at the Geraldton Airport. The school was formed on February 2nd 1941 to provide intermediate and advanced training for pilots over a sixteen week course. At its peak, "Rows of orderly huts housed 103 officers, four nurses, one WAAF officer, 177 WAAF, 27 air pilots, 46 air observers, 47 wireless air gunners, 176 trainee pilots and 992 airmen..."

An auction sale was conducted by Mr.Carmichael at the Geraldton Airport from July 31st to August 2nd 1947 to dispose of the unwanted property and buildings. However some buildings remained on site for use by the Department of Civil Aviation.

Ownership of the Geraldton Airport was transferred from the Federal Department of Transport to the Shire of Greenough in 1979.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	501 World wars and other wars 402 Education and science 205 Air transport
AHC:	7.7 Defending Australia 7.7.2 Preparing to face invasion 6.3 Training people for the workplace

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These buildings have high historic significance with their connection to the former No.4 Service Flying Training School and wartime activities in the district. It is recommended that further research be undertaken to identify these buildings and their history by a suitably qualified army historian. It is also recommended that funding be sourced for interpretation of the identified buildings to allow public awareness of their significance.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	2
Level of Significance:	CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important to the heritage of the locality.
Management 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

Geraldton Guardian, "Walls that could tell a story", 1 February 1979.
Bain, M.A. 'A life of its own', (1996), pp. 243 & 249.

OTHER PHOTOS



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