

City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Greenough Place Number: 219 Category: 5

Assessment Date: 09/12/2005 Last Revision Date: 11/03/2010 HCWA Number: 13751 Asset ID: 11/03/2010

PLACE DETAILS

Name: Giles Park

Other Names: Moonyoonooka School

Type of Place: Park

Address: Giles Road

Suburb: Moonyoonooka

LOCATION

Map 14.15 GPS 6814858.00 GPS 277590.000

Reference: Northing: 0000 Easting: 000



Photo Description:

7/12/2005 Martin Moonyoonooka School plaque

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SITE DETAILS

Lot No.: Lots 1-4

Reserv No.: Assess No.: 20477

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Dia/Plan: \$44632 Vol/Fol:

USE OF PLACE

Original Use: School
Current Use: Park

Ownership: Shire of Greenough

Public Access: Yes Occupied: Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls: Not applicable Roof: Not applicable

Condition: Good Integrity:

Original fabric: Modifications:

The Moonyoonooka School was located to the north of the Moonyoonooka-Narra Tarra Road. The place is now known as Giles Park and the school site is marked by a plaque mounted on a large boulder.

HISTORY

Construction Date: 1895 Source: Plaque

Architect: Unknown Builder: Unknown

The first school in the area was known as the Chapman School and opened in 1880 in a vacant house close to the Chapman River. In 1888, Moonyoonooka's first school opened in a temporary building with Miss W. Browning as its teacher. During 1895 the school was closed and the building demolished and a new stone building with accommodation for a teacher was built. The school was built of local stone, with jarrah flooring and a corrugated iron roof, it had a large verandah at the front and four large water tanks to supply both students and the headmaster's house which was attached to the school.

The school remained open until 1952.

Alan Angel, a shire worker lived in the school c1968.

The building was demolished in 1984. A plaque commemorating the site of the school was unveiled in 1991.

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HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 402 Education and science

400 Social and civic activities

AHC: 6.2 Establishing schools

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of the Moonyoonooka School has some historic significance for its association with the development of Moonyoonooka as a rural settlement. The place also has historic significance for its connection with education in the district for many years. The site also reveals the effect of the centralisation of education as well as the changing settlement patterns of the district.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 5

Level of Significance: HISTORIC SITE: The site has historic significance

for its previous use and its role in the historical

development of the locality.

Management

Proposed development may need to have Recommendation: regard to possible archaeological evidence

remaining on the site. Recognise and interpret

the site if feasible. This may be achieved

through a variety of methods including, but not limited to, signage, public art, paving treatment and landscaping as well as design treatment of

any new development which reflects the

former use of the site.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Sivewright, N., Bootenal and Beyond, 2004, p. 77.

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OTHER PHOTOS No other photos

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