

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

Area: Mullewa Place Number: 13 Category: 3

 Assessment Date:
 10/02/1995
 Last Revision Date:
 17/02/2012

 HCWA Number:
 6107
 Asset ID:
 MCH126513

#### **PLACE DETAILS**

Name: Mullewa Police Station & Courthouse

Other Names: 5 Padbury Street

**Type of Place:** Police Station/Courthouse

Address: Padbury Street

Suburb: Mullewa

# **LOCATION**

**Map** Mullewa **GPS** 6842171.31 **GPS** 354256.490

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



# **Photo Description:**

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Mullewa Police Station and Courthouse addressing Mills Street.

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### **SITE DETAILS**

**Lot No.:** Lot 222

Reserv No.: Assess No.: 98

Dia/Plan: Vol/Fol:

#### **USE OF PLACE**

Original Use: Police Station & Courthouse Police Station & Courthouse

**Ownership:** State Government

Public Access: Yes Occupied: Occupied

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Walls: Brick Roof: Tiles

**Condition:** Good **Integrity:** 

Original fabric: Highly intact

**Modifications:** 

Set back from Mills Street on a gentle slope, the T-shaped building is of light cream brick construction, part rendered, with a gable tiled roof. The Courthouse occupies the central part of the building with the offices on both sides to the rear. As the site rises from the street, there are steps up the the central courthouse entry and stairs to entries to the offices on either side. The courthouse has high set windows on both sides (north and south). "Mullewa Court House" in black lettering is affixed to the gable end addressing Mills Street. A plaque affixed to the building reads: "To commemorate the opening of this building on Friday, March 3rd, 1961, by Hon David Brand, MLA, Premier of Western Australia and Member for Greenough, Hon CC Perkins, MLA, Minister for Police, Hon AF Watts, CMG, MLA, Attorney General."

#### **HISTORY**

Construction Date: 1961 Source: Plaque

Architect: Unknown Builder: Unknown

The original Mullewa Courthouse was located on Gray Street and was a building which also served as a local place of entertainment, with dances and social gatherings held there. In 1912 a Police Station was constructed on the corner of Padbury Street and Mills Street. Both buildings served the town adequately until the current 'modern' brick Police Station and

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Courthouse was opened in 1961. It was described at the time as follows: "It is a fine building with a most imposing appearance and in keeping with the importance of the large area it is designed to serve."

#### HISTORIC THEMES

**HCWA:** 403 Law and order

400 Social and civic activities

**AHC:** 7.6.3 Policing Australia

7.6.4 Dispensing justice

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mullewa Police Station and Court House have some historic and social significance to the town of Mullewa for their important role in the provision of law and order in the town since 1961. The building, which is representative of the architecture of its era, reflects the prosperity of the district at the time.

#### MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 3

**Level of Significance:** MODERATE SIGNIFICANCE: Important to the

heritage of the locality.

**Management**Conservation of the place is recommended. **Recommendation:**Any proposed change to the place should no

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place and should retain significant fabric

wherever feasible.

#### **OTHER LISTINGS**

No other listings

# SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Mullewa Townsite Heritage Trail; Barden, W.D., "Mullewa Through the Years 1861-1961", Mullewa Road Board, 1961; Keeffe, B., "Eastward Ho: To Mullewa and The Murchison", Mullewa Shire Council, 1995.

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# OTHER PHOTOS



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T-shaped building with Courthouse section to centre.

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