

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

Area: Mullewa Place Number: 32 Category:

 Assessment Date:
 23/03/1995
 Last Revision Date:
 06/03/2012

 HCWA Number:
 6105
 Asset ID:
 MCH126591

## **PLACE DETAILS**

Name: Railway Water Tank & Column

Other Names: 19 Darlot Road Cnr Old Mingenew Road

**Type of Place:** Water Tank & Column

**Address:** 19 Darlot Road Cnr Old Mingenew Road

Suburb: Mullewa

## **LOCATION**

**Map** Mullewa **GPS** 6815664.00 **GPS** 268712.000

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



## **Photo Description:**

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Railway Water Tank - north and east elevations.

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## **SITE DETAILS**

**Lot No.:** Lot 225

**Reserv No.:** Vacant Crown **Assess No.:** 97

Land

**Dia/Plan:** R531 **Vol/Fol:** LR3103/175

## **USE OF PLACE**

Original Use: Railway Water Tank & Column

Current Use: Abandoned Ownership: Unknown

Public Access: Yes Occupied: Not Occupied

## **DESCRIPTION**

Walls: Steel, Timber Roof: Corrugated Iron

**Condition:** Not applicable **Integrity:** 

Original fabric: Largely intact

**Modifications:** 

The Mullewa Railway Station Precinct includes a water column and water tank which were both intrinsic to the operations of the railway. The water column is located immediately adjacent to the railway track and west of the railway station building. The column is a cylindrical steel structure approximately 3 metres high with an arm extending out perpendicular at the top. The water tank is located to the south of the railway station on rising open ground known as Railway Hill. The tank consists of a large square iron tank supported approximately 3 metres off the ground by a timber stand with concrete footings. A metal bar and supports have been installed under the northern side of the tank to provide support where the large timber beam has collapsed, owing to termit damage and weathering over time. On one side of the tank is an oval plaque with the words: "ISCA FOUNDRY CO ENGINEERS NEWPORT - MON".

#### **HISTORY**

Construction Date: 1903 Source: HCWA RHP

**Documentation** 

**Architect:** Unknown **Builder:** Jack Marsden

Refer to Mullewa Railway Station for background history regarding the Rail

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Precinct. In 1903 a program to improve the water supply for the railway resulted in the erection of a 25,000 gallon (111,250 litres) iron water tank on a timber stand and a water column, marked WAR. Both were imported from the ISCA Foundry located in Newport, Monmouthshire, Wales.

#### HISTORIC THEMES

**HCWA:** 202 Rail and light rail transport

**AHC:** 3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Railway Water Tank and Water Column are an important part of the Mullewa Railway Station Precinct and illustrate the role of the railways in the town and the steam era of rail. Both structures add to the local community's sense of place, while the water tank has considerable landmark quality given its elevated location overlooking town.

## 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.

#### OTHER LISTINGS

Heritage Council of WA - Register, 22/04/2005

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

HCWA RHP Documentation; Gray, L., "Conservation Plan for Mullewa Railway Station Group", 2010; Barden, W.D., "Mullewa Through the Years 1861-1961", Mullewa Road Board, 1961; Keeffe, B., "Eastward Ho: To

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Railway Water Column with Goods Sheds 1 and 2 in the background.

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