

Area: Mullewa	Place Number: 52	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 10/02/1995	Last Revision Date: 17/03/2012	
HCWA Number: 1672	Asset ID: MCH127087	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	St Mary's Convent - Christian Brothers' Agricultural School
Other Names:	Sisters of Nazareth Convent
Type of Place:	Convent
Address:	970 Kelly Road
Suburb:	Tardun

LOCATION

Map Reference:	GPS Northing: 6824347.77 0000	GPS Easting: 384340.440 000
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St Mary's Convent front (south) façade.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 9642	Assess No.:	671
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	2170/791
Dia/Plan:	159498		

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Convent		
Current Use:	Unknown		
Ownership:	The Trustees of the Christian Brothers		
Public Access:	No	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Concrete Block (rendered)	Roof:	Tiles
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Largely intact		
Modifications:			

St Mary's Convent is located to the east of the Main Building and faces south. The square rendered masonry two storey building has a hipped tiled roof and a two storey verandah on all sides. The first floor verandah is supported by octagonal concrete columns, six on each side. The roof of the upper verandah is supported by pairs of columns above the octagonal columns below, with three columns at the corners. The parapet on the southern facade has corbel tables under the gable slopes and is surmounted by a cross. A brick chimney punctuates the western roofscape while the windows are timber framed and double hung. The south east corner of the verandah is enclosed with concrete block. There is a low walled garden to the frontage (south side) with two large palm trees dominating the front facade of the convent. Directly in front of the Convent is a small shrine. (Refer to the conservation plan for a detailed description of the building)

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1939	Source:	HCWA RHP Documentation
Architect:	Mon J. Hawes		
Builder:	Stan Kinston		

In 1938 three Sisters of Nazareth took up residence at Tardun and prompted the construction of the Convent which has accommodated three groups of sisters over the years - 1938-1941: Nazareth Sisters, 1941-1966: Presentation Sisters, 1967-1969: Sisters of Preparation. The Convent was built to a design of Priest-Architect Monsignor John Hawes. (Refer to the conservation plan for a detailed history of the building)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	406 Religion 605 Famous and infamous people
AHC:	8.6 Worshipping

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St Mary's Convent is an important part of the Christian Brothers' Agricultural School and has considerable historic value for its association with three groups of Sisters between 1938 and 1969. The Convent building was designed by priest-architect Monsignor John Hawes whose architectural works are prominent in the region. It is a prominent building in the school complex with commanding views over the surrounding countryside.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	1
Level of Significance:	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is considered 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, 20/10/2000

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

HCWA RHP Documentation (P1672); Monsignor Hawes Heritage Trail (1988); Taylor, J., "Conservation Plan for Christian Brothers' Agricultural School", 1999; Taylor, J., "Between Devotion and Design: The Architecture of John Cyril Hawes, 1876-1956", Nedlands: UWA Press 2000; Anson, P., "The Hermit of Cat Island", London: Burns & Oats, 1957; Evans, A.G., "The Conscious Stone", Melbourne: The Polding Press, 1984; Keeffe, B., "Eastward Ho: To Mullewa and The Murchison", Mullewa Shire Council, 1995; Barden, W.D., "Mullewa Through the Years 1861-1961", Mullewa Road Board, 1961.

OTHER PHOTOS



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Grotto located to the front of the Convent.



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Rear view of the Convent showing north and west elevations.