

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 122	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 05/12/1996	Last Revision Date: 30/10/2009	
HCWA Number: 13373	Asset ID: MCH126626	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Gatekeeper's Cottage Fmr, Utakarra
Other Names:	6 Geraldton - Mt Magnet Road
Type of Place:	House
Address:	6 Geraldton - Mt Magnet Road
Suburb:	Utakarra

LOCATION

Map Reference: 17.15	GPS Northing: 6814397.00	GPS Easting: 270473.000
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Photo Description:

23/01/2009

Tanya Henkel

Former railway house and remnants of railway at right.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 2710	Assess No.:	16245
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Residence		
Current Use:	Not in use		
Ownership:	Western Australian Government		
Public Access:	No	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Stone/Brick	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

This stone house stands on the south side of the Geraldton to Mt Magnet Road immediately east of the remnant railway line. The house has steeply pitched hipped corrugated iron roof which extends to cover the front (north) and side (east) verandahs and forms a large eaves overhang to the west. The two verandahs are supported on timber posts partially enclosed with fibro and louvre windows. There is a bay window to the north east. Windows to the house are timber framed and double hung, six pane above and single pane below. There is a tall brick chimney to the south east. (See also Gatekeeper's Cottage Fmr, Chapman Road in Bluff Point)

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1886	Source:	Register Documentation
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Edward Keane		

The house was built in 1886 as one of five Gatekeeper's Cottages on the Geraldton-Walkaway railway line. The cottages were all built of local stone to the same 5-room floor plan and constructed by railway contractor Edward Keane, who in addition to his railway work was also active in public life as member for Geraldton and Mayor of Perth. (Source: Register Documentation) This house was built as the quarters for the station master and later housed railway fettlers. The station master

received and dispatched goods including livestock from the nearby yards. He was also responsible for keeping accounts and timesheets for fettleers working on the line. (Source: Stan Gratte)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 202 Rail and light rail transport
AHC: 3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This stone cottage has historic significance for its connection to the development of the Midland Railway line, being built to house railway employees. Although the place has had some changes to the verandah, the original form and fabric is largely intact and as such it demonstrates the type of housing built for railway employees. Further the house is evidence of the use of local materials. (See also Gatekeeper's Cottage Fmr, Chapman Road in Bluff Point)

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, 09/05/2006

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

See also HCWA Place No. 1259 - Geraldton to Walkaway Rail Precinct.

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

5/12/1996

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View of north facade addressing the road.