

<b>Area:</b> Geraldton	<b>Place Number:</b> 179	<b>Category:</b> 3
<b>Assessment Date:</b> 14/10/1996	<b>Last Revision Date:</b> 19/11/2009	
<b>HCWA Number:</b> 13276	<b>Asset ID:</b> MCH126849	

### PLACE DETAILS

<b>Name:</b>	OTC House Fmr
<b>Other Names:</b>	Harbour Pines Centre
<b>Type of Place:</b>	Retirement Centre
<b>Address:</b>	20 Francis Street
<b>Suburb:</b>	Geraldton

### LOCATION

<b>Map Reference:</b> 14.15	<b>GPS Northing:</b> 6814204.00	<b>GPS Easting:</b> 266071.000
	<b>GPS Northing:</b> 0000	<b>GPS Easting:</b> 000



**Photo Description:**

16/01/2008

Rod Milne

Side view of the refurbished building.

## SITE DETAILS

<b>Lot No.:</b>	Strata Lot 8	<b>Assess No.:</b>	19462
<b>Reserv No.:</b>		<b>Vol/Fol:</b>	
<b>Dia/Plan:</b>	S23297		

## USE OF PLACE

<b>Original Use:</b>	Residence		
<b>Current Use:</b>	Retirement Village Community Centre		
<b>Ownership:</b>			
<b>Public Access:</b>	Restricted	<b>Occupied:</b>	Occupied

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Walls:</b>	Brick	<b>Roof:</b>	Corrugated Iron
<b>Condition:</b>	Fair	<b>Integrity:</b>	
<b>Original fabric:</b>			
<b>Modifications:</b>			

This long painted brick building has a hipped corrugated iron roof with a feature gablet to the front (east) elevation. A separate corrugated iron bull nose verandah roof is enhanced by a gable which extends to the east and emphasises the entrance. The verandah is supported on chamfered timber posts with a decorative moulding and struts to the plain verandah frieze. Windows are timber framed and double hung.

## HISTORY

<b>Construction Date:</b>	1890	<b>Source:</b>	C. Norris
<b>Architect:</b>	Unknown		
<b>Builder:</b>	Unknown		

This building was used by the Overseas Telecommunications Commission and had large aerials located adjacent, from Francis Street through to Cunningham Street. This was an important communications facility during World War II. (Sources: B. Shields & C. Norris, "Memories of Champion Bay or Old Geraldton", p.79)

## HISTORIC THEMES

<b>HCWA:</b>	210 Telecommunications
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**AHC:**

404 Community services and utilities  
3.7 Establishing communication  
9.6.1 Retiring

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Although the Harbour Pines Community Centre has undergone some alterations it still retains much of its original form and style. The place has historic significance for its association with communications in the town and contributes to the streetscape of the area.

**MANAGEMENT CATEGORY**

**Management Category:** 3  
**Level of Significance:** MODERATE SIGNIFICANCE: Important to the heritage of the locality.  
**Management Recommendation:** Conservation of the place is recommended. Any proposed change to the place should not unduly impact on the heritage values of the place and should retain significant fabric wherever feasible.

**OTHER LISTINGS**

No other listings

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Norris, C., "Memories of Champion Bay or Old Geraldton", Soroptimist International, 1989.  
"Geraldton: A Photographic History", Geraldton Regional Library.

**OTHER PHOTOS**



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14/10/1996

Suba & Grundy

Bullnose verandah to front facade.