

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 21	Category: 3
Assessment Date: 15/10/1996	Last Revision Date: 08/07/2009	
HCWA Number: 13213	Asset ID: MCH126958	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Lester Square Park
Other Names:	Cnr. Augustus and Gregory Streets
Type of Place:	Park
Address:	Cnr. Augustus and Gregory Streets
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference: 14.14	GPS Northing: 6814123.00	GPS Easting: 266252.000
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Photo Description:

6/08/2007

Rod Milne

View of the park from Augustus Street.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 204	Assess No.:	10074
Reserv No.:	1693	Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Animal Pound		
Current Use:	Park		
Ownership:	City of Geraldton-Greenough		
Public Access:	Yes	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Not applicable	Roof:	Not applicable
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

Lester Square Park is a small open park situated on the corner of Gregory and Augustus Street. The park is fenced with pine poles and there is play equipment in the centre of the park.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1932	Source:	K. Gallaher
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

On 7 February, 1932 Lester Square Park was officially opened by the Mayor, George Lester, after whom the park was named. (K. Gallaher, "List of openings, inaugurations, foundations", Local Studies Collection of Geraldton Library)

Prior to this the land was used for Tetlow's Pound, where animals such as goats were impounded. In addition it was used as a Police garden. (Stan Gratte)

Local sources indicate that Anzac Day services were held in Lester Square Park for several years until Birdwood House was built in 1935. ("Geraldton Guardian and Express", 25/4/1936)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	404 Community services and utilities 405 Sport, recreation and entertainment
AHC:	8.1.3 Developing public parks and gardens 8.9 Commemorating significant events and people

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lester Square Park has local historic significance for its association with Mayor George Lester, after whom it is named. Further its original use as an animal pound and its later use for Anzac Day services increase the historic value of the park.

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

Gallaher, K., "List of Openings etc".
"Geraldton Guardian & Express".

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

11/12/1996

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View of the corner park.