

<b>Area:</b> Geraldton	<b>Place Number:</b> 36	<b>Category:</b> 3
<b>Assessment Date:</b> 03/12/1996	<b>Last Revision Date:</b> 10/07/2009	
<b>HCWA Number:</b> 13228	<b>Asset ID:</b> MCH127016	

### PLACE DETAILS

<b>Name:</b>	Maitland Park
<b>Other Names:</b>	Cathedral Avenue & Maitland Street
<b>Type of Place:</b>	Park
<b>Address:</b>	Cathedral Avenue & Maitland Street
<b>Suburb:</b>	Geraldton

### LOCATION

<b>Map Reference:</b> 15.15	<b>GPS Northing:</b> 6814186.00	<b>GPS Easting:</b> 266892.000
	<b>GPS Northing:</b> 0000	<b>GPS Easting:</b> 000



**Photo Description:**

10/08/2007

Rod Milne

View of Maitland Park fronting Cathedral Avenue.

## SITE DETAILS

<b>Lot No.:</b>	Lot 938	<b>Assess No.:</b>	11218
<b>Reserv No.:</b>		<b>Vol/Fol:</b>	
<b>Dia/Plan:</b>			

## USE OF PLACE

<b>Original Use:</b>	Rubbish Dump		
<b>Current Use:</b>	Park		
<b>Ownership:</b>	City of Geraldton-Greenough		
<b>Public Access:</b>	Yes	<b>Occupied:</b>	Not Occupied

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Walls:</b>	Not applicable	<b>Roof:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Condition:</b>	Fair	<b>Integrity:</b>	
<b>Original fabric:</b>			
<b>Modifications:</b>			

Prominently located on Cathedral Avenue, and bordered by Maitland Street and Carson Terrace, the park features trees and shrubs with large expanses of lawn and a centrally located playground. There is a commemorative stone wall to the north east corner of the park.

## HISTORY

<b>Construction Date:</b>	1958	<b>Source:</b>	B. Shields
<b>Architect:</b>	Unknown		
<b>Builder:</b>	Unknown		

Originally a sand hill, the site was cleared for use as a football oval in 1958. (Source: B. Shields) The park is possibly named after Maitland Brown, an early Resident Magistrate of Champion Bay, (from 1886 to 1904) whose name is also given to the adjacent road.

A plaque and low stone wall on the corner of Cathedral Avenue and Maitland Street commemorates the opening of the Allanooka Water Supply. The plaque was unveiled on 8 December, 1967 by Premier, David Brand.

In late 2016 the Lions Club Arch, a facebrick structure located in the south eastern corner of Maitland Park, was demolished due to its deteriorating condition and resultant safety concerns. Believed to have been constructed in the early 1970s, the Lions Club Arch also featured two brick garden beds which extended out from both ends of the arch and was

located adjacent to the B6 Locomotive which was removed for restoration purposes. The Locomotive has since been relocated to the Walkaway Railway Station Museum.

(Source: Gallaher, K. "List of Openings, Inaugurations and Foundations", Geraldton Library, Local Studies Collection, Geraldton Library Photographic Collection - 7486.)

### HISTORIC THEMES

<b>HCWA:</b>	405 Sport, recreation and entertainment 605 Famous and infamous people
<b>AHC:</b>	8.1.3 Developing public parks and gardens 8.9 Commemorating significant events and people

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Maitland Park has local social significance as a popular recreational facility in Geraldton. Furthermore, the park is evidence of how land use can change, the area having previously been a rubbish dump. If the source of the name can be confirmed, the park would have additional significance for its association with Maitland Brown, a Resident Magistrate of Champion Bay.

### MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

<b>Management Category:</b>	3
<b>Level of Significance:</b>	MODERATE SIGNIFICANCE: Important to the heritage of the locality.
<b>Management Recommendation:</b>	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

Heritage Council of WA - Register, 01/01/1970  
National Trust of WA - Classified, 01/01/1970  
Shire of Greenough - Town Planning Scheme, 01/01/1970

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Gallagher, K., "List of Openings, Inaugurations and Foundations".  
Geraldton Library Photographic Collection - 7486.

## OTHER PHOTOS



### Photo Description:

3/12/1996

Suba & Grundy

Low stone feature wall, lawned areas and playground.



**Photo Description:**

View showing the Lions Club Arch, B6 Locomotive and Catholic Cathedral in background. (Date: c1970, Geraldton Library 7486)