

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 40	Category: 5
Assessment Date: 11/11/1996	Last Revision Date: 29/09/2009	
HCWA Number: 1053	Asset ID: MCH127055	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Site of Bishop's Palace
Other Names:	45 Cathedral Avenue
Type of Place:	Site
Address:	45 Cathedral Avenue
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference: 15.15	GPS Northing: 6814587.00	GPS Easting: 266711.000
	GPS Northing: 0000	GPS Easting: 000



Photo Description:

15/01/2008

Rod Milne

Site of Bishop's Palace now a car park and government building.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 45	Assess No.:	18219
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Residence for Bishop		
Current Use:	Office & Carpark		
Ownership:	State Government		
Public Access:	Restricted	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

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

The building was sited on the corner of Elwys and Eleanor Streets. It was an imposing two storey building with wrap around verandahs to the street frontages and a decorative corner turret. There is no evidence of the original building.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1900	Source:	M.A. Bain
Architect:	Henderson & Jeffries		
Builder:	W. Martin		

Bishop's Palace, built on the corner of Elwys and Eleanor Streets (now Cathedral Avenue and Chapman Road respectively), was designed by Architects Henderson and Jeffries of Perth who in 1903 also designed the Stella Maris Convent. The contract was let to Messrs. Watson and Wilson of Perth who in turn sub-let to W. Martin. Bishop's Palace was built in 1900 for the first Bishop of Geraldton, Bishop William Bernard Kelly (1898-1921).

(Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996 p.232)

Bain describes the building: "The work created much interest in the settlement with its twelve rooms and an outside tank that supplied rainwater to the kitchen and bathroom. The outer buildings were comprised of the housekeeper's rooms, stables, chaff shed and buggy house with a good well for water close by. It was generally agreed that Bishop Kelly would be "agreeably surprised" when he returned from

Rome." (Ibid.) In 1984 the building was demolished to make way for the SGIO building. ("Geraldton Then and Now", Geraldton Camera Club, 1989, p33) The Christian Brothers School (the first St Patrick's College Junior School in Geraldton) was located adjacent to Bishop's Palace.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	406 Religion 300 Occupations
AHC:	8.6 Worshipping 7.6.3 Policing Australia

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

5X

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	5
Level of Significance:	HISTORIC SITE: The site has historic significance for its previous use and its role in the historical development of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Proposed development may need to have regard to possible archaeological evidence remaining on the site. Recognise and interpret the site if feasible. This may be achieved through a variety of methods including, but not limited to, signage, public art, paving treatment and landscaping as well as design treatment of any new development which reflects the former use of the site.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

"Geraldton: A Photographic History", Geraldton Library.

Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996.
"Geraldton Then and Now", Geraldton Camera Club, 1989.
GLLSPC - Buildings (Miscellaneous).
Feilman & Associates, "Survey of Places of Historic and Landscape
Significance in Geraldton", 1977.

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

Geraldton Library
Bishop's Palace at 43 Cathedral Avenue (1900-1984).