

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 59	Category: 5
Assessment Date: 11/11/1996	Last Revision Date: 06/10/2009	
HCWA Number: 13243	Asset ID: MCH126784	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Site of Victoria District Flour Mill
Other Names:	140-146 Chapman Road, cnr Phelps Street
Type of Place:	Site
Address:	140-146 Chapman Road, cnr Phelps Street
Suburb:	Beresford

LOCATION

Map Reference: 15.16	GPS Northing: 6815874.00	GPS Easting: 267249.000
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Photo Description:

5/08/2008

Tanya Henkel

Interpretive plaque at the new Flour Mill Residential Estate.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 807	Assess No.:	12642
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Flour Mill	Occupied:	Not Occupied
Current Use:	Residential Estate		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Yes		

DESCRIPTION

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

The site of the Victoria District Flour Mill has been subdivided and developed into a residential estate called the Flour Mill Estate, accessed off Urch Street. A section of paved public open space which connects the estate to Chapman Road contains an inlaid interpretive plaque with history of the former use of the site, together with a picture of the old flour mill. Meanwhile, the fmr Flour Mill Manager's residence, located to the north-east corner of the site fronting Urch Street, has been restored. Please note that the Lot Number and Assessment Number were current at the time of the original assessment and have now changed due to subdivision.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1910	Source:	M.A. Bain
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

The Victoria District Flour Mill Co-op Ltd. opened on 29 January, 1910. The principal initial shareholders were J.M. Drew, Chas Smith, J.S. Teakle, T.L. Brown and P. Stone, all of whom were businessmen in Geraldton. In its first year of working the mill, which was erected on the corner of Phelps and Eleanor Streets (now Chapman Road), incurred a loss of £887 when wheat fell from 3s to 4 ½d. Water for the mill was obtained from the railway condenser, built c1903. (Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton,

1996, p263)

In 1937 the term 'Co-operative' was dropped as many of the original shareholders had turned their activities to sheep farming. In 1952 the mill was purchased by the Peerless Group. (Ibid., p264) The Mill closed permanently in 1976. The site was redeveloped as a residential estate in 2007.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	310 Manufacturing and processing
AHC:	3.12.2 Developing sources of fresh local produce

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of the Victoria District Flour Mill has considerable historic significance for the important role it played in the local wheat industry and the export trade from the Geraldton port. Furthermore, the large building was a landmark in the town. The site is now recognised by an interpretive plaque and is closely associated with the nearby Fmr Mill Manager's Residence.

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

Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996.
GLLSPC - Buildings (Businesses).

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos