

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 69	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 05/12/1996	Last Revision Date: 06/10/2009	
HCWA Number: 13253	Asset ID: MCH126828	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Gatekeeper's Cottage Fmr, Bluff Point
Other Names:	308 Chapman Road
Type of Place:	House
Address:	308 Chapman Road
Suburb:	Beresford

LOCATION

Map Reference: 15.18	GPS Northing: 6817643.00	GPS Easting: 267594.000
	GPS Northing: 0000	GPS Easting: 000



Photo Description:

2/08/2007

Rod Milne

Western elevation obscured by vegetation.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 3046	Assess No.:	12566
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Residence		
Current Use:	Residence		
Ownership:	Western Australian Government		
Public Access:	No	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Stone	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Stone walls		
Modifications:	Partial verandah infill		

This painted stone cottage has a hipped corrugated iron roof which extends broken back to cover verandahs to the west and north. The verandah roof is supported on timber posts with fibro infill below the handrail. The north verandah is partly enclosed with weatherboard and fibro. The window and door openings have red brick arches above. Windows are double hung and timber framed having six panes above and a single pane below. There is a bay window to the north west and a simple brick chimney to the northeast. The building was damaged by fire in March 2010. (See also Gatekeeper's Cottage on the Geraldton to Mt Magnet Road in Utakarra)

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1886	Source:	Register Documentation
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Edward Keane		

The house was built in 1886 as one of five Gatekeeper's Cottages on the Geraldton-Walkaway railway line. The cottages were all built of local stone to the same 5-room floor plan and constructed by railway contractor Edward Keane, who in addition to his railway work was also active in public life as member for Geraldton and Mayor of Perth. (Source: Register Documentation)

According to Shirley Scotter this house was used by a ganger from the

Bluff Point railway gang. The house was damaged by fire in March 2010. The structural engineers report commissioned after the fire, advises the north east room was most damaged and is beyond repair. The fire also spread into the roof space and affected the whole house to some extent and although the south end was not badly fire damaged it was already substantially vandalised.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	202 Rail and light rail transport 605 Famous and infamous people
AHC:	3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house has historic significance for its connection to the development of the Midland Railway as well as its association with the Northampton railway. Although some alterations have been made to the verandah, its simple form, unusual bay window and use of local materials demonstrates the type of housing constructed for railway employees in the 1880s. Further the place is evidence of the use of local materials. (See also Gatekeeper's Cottage Fmr, Utakarra)

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	1
Level of Significance:	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is considered essential. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the significance of the place and be in accordance with either a Conservation Plan or Heritage Impact Statement.

OTHER LISTINGS

Heritage Council of WA - Register, 20/02/2004
National Trust of WA - Classified, 07/03/1995

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Feilman & Associates, "Survey of Places of Historic and Landscape Significance in Geraldton", 1977.

Uhe, P., "Survey of Railway Heritage in WA", National Trust of WA, 1994.

OTHER PHOTOS



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5/12/1996

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View from Chapman Road.