

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 71	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 29/10/1996	Last Revision Date: 20/10/2009	
HCWA Number: 13255	Asset ID: MCH126834	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Geraldton Camp School
Other Names:	Bluff Point Camp School
Type of Place:	School
Address:	347 Chapman Road
Suburb:	Bluff Point

LOCATION

Map Reference: 15.19	GPS Northing: 6817960.00	GPS Easting: 267667.000
	GPS Northing: 0000	GPS Easting: 000



Photo Description:
28/08/2007
Rod Milne
View of main brick building.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 3229	Assess No.:	11864
Reserv No.:	14430	Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	School	Occupied:	Occupied
Current Use:	Camp School		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Restricted		

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Brick	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

Geraldton Camp School is typical of the Government schools of the pre World War 1 period and is a simple representation of the "Federation Free Style " design of the period. The single storey brick building is on a sloping, coastal site requiring a verandah 900mm (3 feet) high off the ground on the west side to protect it from the weather straight off the sea. A small weatherboard entry at the southern end of the verandah offers protection from the weather at the end of an open ramp with criss-cross balustrade running up the south side of the building. The brick walls are toothed out on the south-east corner, possibly in anticipation of an extension that did not eventuate. Windows are tall, timber six pane, double hung, extending up to the underside of the eaves or gable ends. The corrugated iron roof has a combined hip and gable form, plus a gambrel on the south end of the extended ridge. The roofscape is punctuated by a tall brick chimney in the south-east corner. The site is surrounded by a tall wire mesh and metal pole perimeter fence for security purposes.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1913	Source:	Geraldton: A Photographic History
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

In 1912 local residents petitioned the Minister fro Education to build a

school in the north of Geraldton. The 37 school-aged children of the petitioners had to walk three miles to the Geraldton Primary School. The new Bluff Point Primary School opened on 14 October 1913. In 1917 the enrolment at the school was 30, while in the 1930s the enrolment had increased to between 90 and 100. In 1955 the school consisted of three detached classrooms and had approximately 130 students. ("Education Week", Education Department of WA, 1955) In 1965 a new and bigger school was built on a separate site. For a few years the original school was used for the overflowing enrolments of Allendale Primary School, Geraldton High School and the Bluff Point Convent School. In 1977 the school was being used as a Camp School with accommodation for 56 children and 4 staff. An Education Department Report describes the camp school as having "all modern facilities", including "classroom, laundry, dining room, kitchen, and two dormitories - one for boys and one for girls". ("Geraldton Regional Education Report", Education Department of Western Australia, 1977, p45) In recent times the Camp School was renamed from Bluff Point to Geraldton Camp School.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	402 Education and science
AHC:	6.2 Establishing schools

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Geraldton Camp School has high aesthetic, historic and social significance for the Geraldton community as an example of an early, substantial, education building.

RECOMMENDATION:

Care must be taken to ensure that modifications to the adjoining buildings, site and setting are sympathetic to the high integrity and authenticity of the building.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	2
Level of Significance:	CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is highly recommended. Any proposed change 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

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

"Education Week", Education Department of WA, 1955.

"Geraldton Regional Education Report", Education Department of Western Australia, 1977.

"Geraldton: A Photographic History", Geraldton Regional Library.

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

29/10/1996

Suba, Callow & Grundy

South east corner of the original school building.