

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 265	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 30/10/1996	Last Revision Date: 27/11/2009	
HCWA Number: 1062	Asset ID: MCH127082	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Fmr Police Barracks
Other Names:	205-217 Lester Avenue
Type of Place:	Barracks
Address:	205-217 Lester Avenue
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference: 15.15	GPS Northing: 6814466.00	GPS Easting: 266550.000
	GPS Northing: 0000	GPS Easting: 000



Photo Description:

8/03/2007

Rod Milne

The large two storey brick building addresses Lester Avenue.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 200	Assess No.:	20516
Reserv No.:	13769	Vol/Fol:	2154/845 & 846
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Barracks		
Current Use:	Residential		
Ownership:	Department of Housing		
Public Access:	No	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

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

The Police Barracks are a row of two storey, brick and rendered, Federation Free Style residences. The front elevation is broken by three, gable ended, two storey projections which express the entry points to the various residences. Between these gable end modules, large rendered arches on the ground floor define verandah areas and support balconies above. These upper balconies have been enclosed with aluminium window frames in recent times, possibly to provide additional room space or just to simply keep out the weather seeing that they face west.

The roof is high pitched corrugated iron extending down over the verandahs between the gable ends without a break. There are small gablets at each end of the long continuous ridge and five large collections of red brick chimneys with moulded rendered tops and terra cotta pots. The tops of the gable are formed into a pediment supported on projecting console type brackets. The pediment is finished with stucco or rough cast render and also features a central louvered roof vent. The red brick work on the front of the building is provided with an expression of "blood and bandage" style by two rendered horizontal bands at approximately first floor window sill and floor level. The lower half of the ground floor walls are also rendered to create a plinth effect. As at 2008 a series of one storey units have been constructed to the west and south (rear) of the barracks building. A low picket fence forms the street boundary.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1912	Source:	Register Documentation
Architect:	Hillson Beasley		
Builder:	Unknown		

Refer to State Register documentation and Conservation Plan for further information.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	403 Law and order 104 Land allocation and subdivision
AHC:	4.3 Developing urban institutions 5.2 Organising workers and work places 7.6.3 Policing Australia

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Geraldton Police Barracks Fmr is a fine example of its type and of which few exist on such a scale, especially outside the metropolitan area. The Barracks also has aesthetic significance for its landmark qualities and its contribution to the street and town scapes which is also complimented by the adjacent St John's Uniting Church. The place has social and historic significance for its association with law and order and the development of the region.

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, 22/01/2002

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

"Fmr Police Barracks Geraldton Conservation Plan", Bruce Sherwood, 2001.
Feilman, M., "Survey of Places of Historic and Landscape Significance in Geraldton", 1977.

OTHER PHOTOS



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Prior to renovations and unit additions.