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| Area: Geraldton | Place Number: 332 | Category: 3 |
| Assessment Date: 06/11/1996 | Last Revision Date: 10/03/2010 | |
| HCWA Number: 13725 | Asset ID: MCH126724 | |

PLACE DETAILS

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| Name: | Spalding Park (Chapman River Regional Park) |
| Other Names: | Chapman Road |
| Type of Place: | Park |
| Address: | Chapman Road |
| Suburb: | Spalding |

LOCATION

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| Map Reference: 16.21 | GPS Northing: 6819645.00 | GPS Easting: 268364.000 |
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Photo Description:
10/08/2007
Rod Milne
View of Spalding Park.

SITE DETAILS

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| Lot No.: | Lot 2598 | Assess No.: | 12364 |
| Reserv No.: | 17001 | Vol/Fol: | |
| Dia/Plan: | | | |

USE OF PLACE

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| Original Use: | Park | | |
| Current Use: | Park | | |
| Ownership: | City of Geraldton-Greenough | | |
| Public Access: | Yes | Occupied: | Not Occupied |

DESCRIPTION

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

The park extends south from the Chapman River and between the old and new North West Coastal Highways. The area close to the river is grassed and has had trees planted around a formalised entry and parking area. To the south there is large area containing assorted play equipment.

HISTORY

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| Construction Date: | 1891 | Source: | National Trust MidWest |
| Architect: | N/A | | |
| Builder: | N/A | | |

On May 4, 1891 the Mayor, Henry A. Spalding, proposed that the Commissioner of Crown Lands be applied to for a grant of land on each side of the Chapman River, reaching the Town Boundary and containing about 400 acres for the purpose of a Public Park. (National Trust of WA MidWest Branch, Chapman River Regional Park Heritage Study, 1993, Section 5.0) His Excellency the Commissioner agreed to the formation of a Reserve and three months later, on 28 July, 1891, Reserve No. 1858 was gazetted for the purpose of a Public Park. Approximately 500 acres (approximately 200 hectares) of uncleared land were granted by the Government of Western Australia. The park was called Spalding Park in honour of the Mayor, Henry A. Spalding, who had been the prime instigator in obtaining the land. (Ibid.)

Over the years the park was reduced in size when land was required for

public purposes, roads and railways. Reserve 17001 now forms the present day Spalding Park. It has also been broken up and either used or vested for other purposes, including residential development on the west of the park, educational purposes, a potential gaol site, market gardening, sporting fields, gravel and loam pits and an explosives site. (Ibid.) Once the park had been established Council began raising money to develop it. However, substantial development did not occur until 1959 when the Victoria Districts Branch of the Tree Society proposed beautification of the park. At this time the grassed areas and playgrounds were laid out and other recreational uses of the park were implemented, such as golf courses, playing fields and tennis courts. On 5 March 2006 the miniature railway opened within the park.

HISTORIC THEMES

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| HCWA: | 104 Land allocation and subdivision 405 Sport, recreation and entertainment 605 Famous and infamous people |
| AHC: | 4.1 Planning urban settlement 8.1.3 Developing public parks and gardens 8.9 Commemorating significant events and people |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Spalding Park has historic significance as a Public Park which has existed since 1891 and for its association with Mayor Spalding. The park also has high aesthetic significance being located adjacent to the Chapman River. Further the park has high social significance for its use by the community for passive recreation as well as a children's playground.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

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| Management Category: | 3 |
| Level of Significance: | MODERATE SIGNIFICANCE: Important to the heritage of the locality. |
| Management Recommendation: | Conservation of the place is recommended. Any proposed change to the place 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

"Geraldton: a photographic history", Geraldton Regional Library, 2004.
National Trust of WA MidWest Branch, "Chapman River Regional Park Heritage Study", 1993.
Feilman & Associates, "Survey of Places of Historic and Landscape Significance in Geraldton", 1977.

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

6/11/1996

Suba & Grundy

Expanses of lawn.