

<b>Area:</b> Geraldton	<b>Place Number:</b> 335	<b>Category:</b> 2
<b>Assessment Date:</b> 06/11/1996	<b>Last Revision Date:</b> 10/03/2010	
<b>HCWA Number:</b> 3714	<b>Asset ID:</b> MCH126754	

### PLACE DETAILS

<b>Name:</b>	Pioneer Memorial Park (Apex Park)
<b>Other Names:</b>	St Francis Xavier Church Cemetery
<b>Type of Place:</b>	Park
<b>Address:</b>	Cnr. Chapman Road and Phelps Street
<b>Suburb:</b>	Geraldton

### LOCATION

<b>Map Reference:</b>	15.16	<b>GPS Northing:</b>	6815694.00	<b>GPS Easting:</b>	267345.000
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#### Photo Description:

19/11/2007

Rod Milne

Park with relocated headstones in background.

## SITE DETAILS

<b>Lot No.:</b>	Lot 2358	<b>Assess No.:</b>	14081
<b>Reserv No.:</b>	28085	<b>Vol/Fol:</b>	
<b>Dia/Plan:</b>			

## USE OF PLACE

<b>Original Use:</b>	Cemetery		
<b>Current Use:</b>	Cemetery/Park		
<b>Ownership:</b>	City of Geraldton-Greenough		
<b>Public Access:</b>	Yes	<b>Occupied:</b>	Not Occupied

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Walls:</b>	Not applicable	<b>Roof:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Condition:</b>	Not applicable	<b>Integrity:</b>	
<b>Original fabric:</b>			
<b>Modifications:</b>			

This small open park contains grave sites and headstones (approximately 60) many of which have been relocated to an area at the eastern side of the park, some nine headstones and grave sites are scattered throughout the park and approximately 25 are sited under a stand of trees close to the southern boundary of the park.

## HISTORY

<b>Construction Date:</b>	1860	<b>Source:</b>	Feilman Report
<b>Architect:</b>	N/A		
<b>Builder:</b>	N/A		

A plaque records that this site was the cemetery of St. Francis Xavier Church and that some headstones have been relocated to the Eastern Road Cemetery. National Trust records refer to the park as "The former Old Urch Street Cemetery".

Many noted Geraldton identities were buried here including Martin Hosken (10th of January 1900) and Thomas Brown (9th of July 1863).

## HISTORIC THEMES

<b>HCWA:</b>	404 Community services and utilities
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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Apex Park has high historic significance given its connection to the St Francis Xavier Church and cemetery dating from c1860. Although only a few of the original tombstones are in place with many having been relocated, some of those remaining are connected to persons prominent in the history of Geraldton. The place has high aesthetic significance and makes a high contribution to the streetscape given its location on a prominent corner of Chapman Road. The place, which also has some social significance given its use as a park, is held in high esteem by the local community.

### 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

National Trust of WA - Classified, 01/01/1970

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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

### OTHER PHOTOS



**Photo Description:**

6/11/1996

Suba, Callow & Grundy

Headstones along southern boundary.



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6/11/1996

Suba & Grundy

Park with relocated headstones in background.