

Area: Mullewa	Place Number: 10	Category: 3
Assessment Date: 10/02/1995	Last Revision Date: 15/02/2012	
HCWA Number: 1658	Asset ID: MCH126501	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Mullewa District Hospital
Other Names:	Elder Street, cnr Burges Street
Type of Place:	Hospital
Address:	Burges Street
Suburb:	Mullewa

LOCATION

Map	Mullewa	GPS	6842512.95	GPS	354219.810
Reference:	Townsite	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



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Mullewa District Hospital - various extensions over time.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 60	Assess No.:	1436
Reserv No.:	21688	Vol/Fol:	LR3011/474
Dia/Plan:	143834		

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Hospital		
Current Use:	Hospital		
Ownership:	State Government		
Public Access:	Yes	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Brick (part rendered)	Roof:	CGI
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Largely intact		
Modifications:	Numerous periods of construction		

Located on a gently sloping site, the Hospital building is set back off Elder Street with carparking along the frontage. The Hospital has been extended and altered over the years to facilitate its ongoing medical usage but nevertheless it still retains some of its original form and detailing. The main entrance is via a ramp leading to an entry porch enhanced by a decorative feature roof gable. The walls of the building are generally red brick to window sill height and rendered above in a light cream colour. The roofscape comprises generally hipped forms with corrugated iron cladding, extending in part to cover a verandah which is supported on timber posts with a simple balustrade infill.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1934	Source:	Foundation Sone & Barden
Architect:	J. Glaskin (District Architect)		
Builder:	Mr Crothers (1934),		

In the early years, the health needs of Mullewa residents were addressed out of Geraldton or by a visiting Geraldton doctor, Dr Hungerford. In c1920, when Mullewa experienced an outbreak of pneumonic influenza, Nurse Waters was sent to the town by the Health Department. The nurse subsequently agreed to remain permanently in Mullewa as a district

nurse. A small dwelling located to the rear of the Masonic Lodge, fronting Mills Street, was rented by the Mullewa Road Board and used temporarily as a hospital under the charge of Nurse Waters. A private hospital, called "Keston Hospital", was opened in Gray Street in the early 1920's by Dr John R. Hobbs who established a medical practice in Mullewa. It was subsequently decided that the town needed a permanent public hospital. An application to the Lands Department resulted in the granting of a reserve of five acres fronting Elder Street. However, despite the enthusiastic efforts of a local fundraising committee, it was several years before construction of the Mullewa District Hospital commenced, mainly owing to the impact of the world-wide economic depression. On 1 November 1934 the Hospital was officially opened by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Administrator, Sir James Mitchell, K.C.M.G., as is recorded on a commemorative plaque affixed to the building. Over the years the building has been extended, with a mid-wifery block opened in 1940, the adjacent Nurses' Quarters opened in 1953 (contractor – W.H. Ralph & Son) and a new Hospital wing completed and in use by 1954 (contractor – Ralph) and another new wing opened in 1969.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	404 Community services and utilities 408 Institutions
AHC:	3.26.2 Providing hospital services 3.26 Providing health services

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mullewa District Hospital has some historic and social value for its important role in the provision of health services to the Mullewa community since 1934. Further through its various additions over time, the building reflects the stages of the town's growth. The place is fairly typical of rural hospital construction.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

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

Mullewa Townsite Heritage Trail; Barden, W.D., "Mullewa Through the Years 1861-1961", Mullewa Road Board, 1961; Keeffe, B., "Eastward Ho: To Mullewa and The Murchison", Mullewa Shire Council, 1995.

OTHER PHOTOS



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Building addresses Elder Street.