

<b>Area:</b> Mullewa	<b>Place Number:</b> 15	<b>Category:</b> 3
<b>Assessment Date:</b> 10/02/1995	<b>Last Revision Date:</b> 17/02/2012	
<b>HCWA Number:</b> 1659	<b>Asset ID:</b> MCH126517	

### PLACE DETAILS

<b>Name:</b>	Railway Hotel
<b>Other Names:</b>	15-21 Gray Street
<b>Type of Place:</b>	Hotel
<b>Address:</b>	15-21 Gray Street
<b>Suburb:</b>	Mullewa

### LOCATION

<b>Map</b>	Mullewa	<b>GPS</b>	6841954.60	<b>GPS</b>	354376.180
<b>Reference:</b>	Townsite	<b>Northing:</b>	0000	<b>Easting:</b>	000



#### Photo Description:

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The Railway Hotel - front (south) and eastern elevations.

## SITE DETAILS

<b>Lot No.:</b>	Lot 51	<b>Assess No.:</b>	175
<b>Reserv No.:</b>		<b>Vol/Fol:</b>	1508/803
<b>Dia/Plan:</b>	54393		

## USE OF PLACE

<b>Original Use:</b>	Hotel		
<b>Current Use:</b>	Hotel		
<b>Ownership:</b>	Unknown		
<b>Public Access:</b>	Yes	<b>Occupied:</b>	Occupied

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Walls:</b>	Stone, brick, fibro	<b>Roof:</b>	CGI
<b>Condition:</b>	Not applicable	<b>Integrity:</b>	
<b>Original fabric:</b>	Brick wall cladding		
<b>Modifications:</b>	Alterations and additions over time		

Prominently located, this two storey building is a landmark in the town, but has undergone a number of significant transformations over the years. Originally a single storey hotel built of stone, a second floor was added of timber framed and fibro cladding. In later years the lower level and part of the upper level were clad with a light cream face brick. The corrugated iron hipped roof with feature gablets extends to cover the two storey balcony roof which is supported on metal verandah poles with a simple balustrade infill. The building has a nill setback from the street, with the balcony extending over the footpath. Two storey hotel wings extend back behind with external verandahs. Double doors from guest rooms open out onto the upper verandah. The south east corner of the building is truncated and originally contained the main entry to the hotel. Two tall rendered chimneys punctuate the eastern roofscape. Internally the building has a decorative timber staircase with Art Deco styling and pressed metal ceilings.

## HISTORY

<b>Construction Date:</b>	1912	<b>Source:</b>	
<b>Architect:</b>			
<b>Builder:</b>			

One of the first hotels in Mullewa is believed to have been the Mullewa

Hotel, opened by Richard Carlyon in 1891. The discovery of gold in the Murchison and the subsequent construction of the railway, brought a big increase in population to the district and with it commercial activity with 5 hotels in operation by October 1895. Built in 1894, the original Railway Hotel was a single storey wood and iron building located at the junction of Jose and Gray Streets and run by two Irishmen, McGrath and Connelly. It was bought by Mr Lee Walker in 1900, who also operated a store out of the same building. The "new" Railway Hotel was constructed on Gray Street in 1912, comprising a single storey stone building which remains at the heart of the current premises. The second storey was added in the 1930s, and major modifications to the appearance of the building took place in the 1960s and the 1980s.

### HISTORIC THEMES

<b>HCWA:</b>	311 Hospitality industry and tourism 405 Sport, recreation and entertainment
<b>AHC:</b>	3.12.5 Retailing food and beverages

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Railway Hotel has considerable historic significance as one of the early hotels established in Mullewa, reflecting the town's growth and development at the time. The building is prominently situated and is one of the largest structures in town and as such it is a landmark. Although considerably altered over time, the original form of the building remains intact as do some of the original built features. The Railway Hotel is the last operating hotel in Mullewa and has high social value to the local community.

### MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

<b>Management Category:</b>	3
<b>Level of Significance:</b>	MODERATE SIGNIFICANCE: Important to the heritage of the locality.
<b>Management Recommendation:</b>	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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View of the western facades of the hotel.