

Area: Mullewa	Place Number: 18	Category: 5
Assessment Date: 10/02/1995	Last Revision Date: 28/02/2012	
HCWA Number: 1661	Asset ID: MCH126529	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Post Office Site
Other Names:	Mullewa Post Office
Type of Place:	Fmr Post Office
Address:	6 Jose Street, Cnr Maitland Road
Suburb:	Mullewa

LOCATION

Map	Mullewa	GPS	6842104.10	GPS	354462.490
Reference:	Townsite	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:

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The modern building replaced the original c 1895 post office.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 1	Assess No.:	58
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	1762/581
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Post Office	Occupied:	Unknown
Current Use:	Christian Centre		Occupancy
Ownership:	Unknown		
Public Access:	No		

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Concrete Block	Roof:	Metal
Condition:	Not applicable	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Original building demolished		
Modifications:	Bullnosed verandah to the front elevation.		

The original timber framed weatherboard clad post office building, which had a variable hipped roof with several flues and a corner porch, has been removed and replaced with the present building which fronts onto Maitland Street. The new building, which was also used as a Post Office, is of concrete block construction with a flat metal roof and a deep fascia which covers an entry porch. The entrance is accessed via a combination of steps and a ramp off the footpath. The building is currently occupied by the Sunshine Christian Centre.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1895	Source:	Keefe, B., P.151
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

Mrs Judge from the Royal Hotel was appointed as the Mullewa Post Mistress in September 1892. However the postal facilities were found to be lacking and requests were made to the government to fund a new post office, which was constructed in 1895 by Aitken and Law, the contractors for the Mullewa-Cue telegraph line. Aitken and Law also built the Police Station and the first school in Mullewa. One of the first postmasters in Mullewa was Mr D.J. McLean. In 1922 Mullewa secured telephone

connection to Geraldton. The original Post Office was located on the corner of Gray and Jose Streets, and was later converted for use as a residence before being demolished in the 1970s. The new modern Post Office building was built addressing Maitland Street.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 206 Mail services
AHC: 3.7.1 Establishing postal services

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of the Mullewa Post Office has historic significance for its important role in the delivery of postal and telecommunication services in the town for well over 100 years. While the current building is of no particular architectural merit the historic associations of the site give it considerable value.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 5
Level of Significance: HISTORIC SITE: The site has historic significance for its previous use and its role in the historical development of the locality.
Management Recommendation: Proposed development may need to have regard to possible archaeological evidence remaining on the site. Recognise and interpret the site if feasible. This may be achieved through a variety of methods including, but not limited to, signage, public art, paving treatment and landscaping as well as design treatment of any new development which reflects the former use of the site.

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

No other photos