

Area: Mullewa	Place Number: 40	Category: 4
Assessment Date: 23/03/1995	Last Revision Date: 08/03/2012	
HCWA Number: 5106	Asset ID: MCH126640	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	O'Brien's Farmhouse Ruin
Other Names:	Geraldton-Mullewa Road
Type of Place:	Farmhouse Ruin
Address:	Lot 4509 Ardingly South Road Cnr Geraldton- Mullewa Road
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference: 14.15	GPS Northing: 6814238.00	GPS Easting: 266044.000
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Photo Description:

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The front (north) elevation of O'Brien's Farmhouse Ruins.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 55	Assess No.:	1398
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	2545/330
Dia/Plan:	37618		

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Farmhouse		
Current Use:	Abandoned		
Ownership:	K. Thomas		
Public Access:	No	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Concrete Block (rendered)	Roof:	Asbestos
Condition:	Not applicable	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Partly collapsed		
Modifications:	One chimney removed		

Located approximately 1 kilometre south of the Geraldton-Mullewa Road, and several hundred metres west of the Ardingly South Road, the farmhouse ruins are set on a gentle rise with several gum trees nearby. Facing north, the farmhouse is square in plan form with a verandah all around. The walls of the building are rendered concrete block while the hipped roof is clad with asbestos sheeting which extends over the verandahs at the same pitch. The verandah to the north facade is mostly collapsed with additional sections of roof sheeting missing. A brick chimney punctuates the eastern roofscape. The timber verandah posts are supported on rendered masonry piers with masonry infill. There is an outside dunny located on the western side of the house. The building appears to have been uninhabited for many years. There is a raised rendered plaque on the northern wall with the following inscription: "ERR 25.02.44".

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1944	Source:	Plaque
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

It is believed that O'Brien's Farmhouse was constructed in 1944.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	100 Demographic settlement and mobility 403 Law and order
AHC:	8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements 3.5 Developing primary production

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

O'Brien's Farmhouse Ruin has some local historic significance only as an example of a farmhouse of its era. It is indicative of how agricultural development and larger farm holdings have impacted on the viability of some older farmhouses.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	4
Level of Significance:	SOME SIGNIFICANCE: Contributes to the heritage and/or historical development of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is desirable. Any proposed change to the place should be in sympathy with the heritage values of the place.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Norris, C., "Memories of Champion Bay or Old Geraldton", Soroptimist International, 1989.

OTHER PHOTOS



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The rendered plaque on the front façade.