

Area: Mullewa	Place Number: 49	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 09/12/2005	Last Revision Date: 13/03/2012	
HCWA Number: 1673	Asset ID: MCH127080	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Pallottine Monastery
Other Names:	St Joseph's Farm, Beagle Bay Farm, Pallottine Mission School
Type of Place:	Monastery
Address:	160 Pallottine Road
Suburb:	Tardun

LOCATION

Map Reference:	GPS Northing: 6815147.97 0000	GPS Easting: 387216.770 000
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Photo Description:

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Front (south) elevation of the Pallottine Monastery.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 10924	Assess No.:	8882
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	LR3001/574
Dia/Plan:	210550		

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Monastery	Occupied:	Possibly Occupied
Current Use:	Not in use		
Ownership:	Society of the Catholic Apostolate Inc		
Public Access:	No		

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Brick	Roof:	CGI
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Largely intact		
Modifications:			

Located approximately 10 kilometres east of the small settlement of Tardun and on the north side of Pallottine Road, the Pallottine Monastery is accessed via a windy dirt track which opens up into the complex of buildings which comprise Wandalgu Hostel. Included in the group of buildings is a church, dormitory buildings, staff housing, school buildings and various farm buildings linked by a series of dirt roads. Located prominently and facing south towards the circular driveway, is the Monastery building which is of brick construction with a hipped corrugated iron roof which extends broken back to cover surrounding verandahs. The verandahs are supported on timber posts while the verandah flooring is concrete. Centrally located to the roof apex is an open-sided fleche crowned with a crucifix. The main entrance is enhanced by a masonry parapet with a triangular pediment. Internally the floor plan comprises a central wide corridor which runs east-west with doors at each end and rooms coming off, including a chapel and communal areas. (Refer to the conservation plan for a detailed description of the building)

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1938	Source:	HCWA RHP Documentation
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Architect: Mon J. Hawes

Builder:

The Pallottine Monastery was constructed to a design of Priest Architect Monsignor John Hawes in 1938 as ecclesiastical housing to improve the facilities of Beagle Bay Farm fmr, which had been established in 1928 as a temporary agricultural asset to alleviate the financial difficulties experienced by the Kimberley Beagle Bay Mission. The German branch of the Pallottine Missionaries took over the Beagle Bay Mission located north of Broome in 1901, from the French Trappist Order, with the aim of inducting Aboriginal people into the Christian faith. The Beagle Bay Farm operations at Tardun expanded to include school facilities in 1938 and, in September of the same year, Bishop Raible officially opened the newly constructed Monastery building. By 1948, the Tardun Pallottine Farm also began operation as a boarding school, primarily for Aboriginal children whose families worked on Murchison sheep stations and in the Mullewa area. (Refer to the conservation plan for a detailed history of the building.)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	406 Religion 402 Education and science 601 Aboriginal people
AHC:	6.2 Establishing schools 8.6 Worshipping 8.6.7 Running missions to Australia's indigenous people

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pallottine Monastery has considerable historic significance for its important role in the education of Aboriginal children from the surrounding districts since 1938. The place has further value for its close association with the German Pallottine Missionaries and their unique contribution to the agricultural, educational and religious development of the area. The Monastery building is also closely associated with Priest-Architect Monsignor John Hawes whose ecclesiastical architecture is a prominent feature of the region. The place is highly valued by all those who have been involved with the place over the years, including brothers, farm workers and students. The Monastery forms an integral part of the wider complex of buildings which forms the Wandalgu Hostel.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	1
Level of Significance:	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is considered essential. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the significance of the place and be in accordance with either a Conservation Plan or Heritage Impact Statement.

OTHER LISTINGS

Heritage Council of WA - Register, 24/03/2005
National Trust of WA - Classified, 13/08/2001

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

HCWA RHP Documentation (P1673); Monsignor Hawes Heritage Trail (1988); Taylor, J., "Conservation Plan for Pallottine Monastery", 1999; Taylor, J., "Between Devotion and Design: The Architecture of John Cyril Hawes, 1876-1956", Nedlands: UWA Press 2000; Anson, P., "The Hermit of Cat Island", London: Burns & Oats, 1957; Evans, A.G., "The Conscious Stone", Melbourne: The Polding Press, 1984; Keefe, B., "Eastward Ho: To Mullewa and The Murchison", Mullewa Shire Council, 1995; Barden, W.D., "Mullewa Through the Years 1861-1961", Mullewa Road Board, 1961.

OTHER PHOTOS



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Rear (north) elevation with chapel projecting at centre.