

Area: Mullewa	Place Number: 54	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 10/02/1995	Last Revision Date: 19/03/2012	
HCWA Number: 1668	Asset ID: MCH127093	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Pindar Garage
Other Names:	Wright's Garage & Workshop
Type of Place:	Garage Fmr
Address:	1 Sharpe Street, cnr Adams Street
Suburb:	Pindar

LOCATION

Map	Mullewa	GPS	6849293.82	GPS	381435.260
Reference:	Townsite	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:

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Pindar Garage with adjacent House.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Pindar Lot 9	Assess No.:	1404
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	1004/116
Dia/Plan:	223044		

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Garage	Occupied:	Unknown
Current Use:	Storage		Occupancy
Ownership:	Unknown		
Public Access:	No		

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	CGI	Roof:	CGI
Condition:	Poor	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Largely intact		
Modifications:			

Located at the western entrance into Pindar and fronting the north side of Sharpe Street, the Pindar Garage is of timber framed construction and clad with corrugated iron sheeting. The central portion running north-south has a high curved roof with low pitched skillion roofs on either side. At both ends is a pair of ledge and braced doors. The front (south) facade also features two small paned timber windows and a ledge, braced and boarded door which leads into the fmr office on the eastern side of the garage. There are outbuildings to the rear and an associated residence to the east. (Refer to the HCWA RHP Documentation for a detailed description of the building)

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1926	Source:	HCWA RHP Documentation
Architect:			
Builder:	Alf Couch?		

On 22 February 1901, the townsite of Pindar was gazetted comprising 32 lots. In the Inter-War period camel teams in the Murchison were gradually replaced with motor vehicles. In c1923, recognising the increasing use of motorized transport and the opportunity to establish a contract haulage

business based in Pindar to compete with the camel teams, Harold James 'Jim' Wright and George Edward Stoner formed a partnership and commenced trading as Stoner & Wright, Motor Engineers and Haulage Contractors. It is believed that the Garage Building and adjacent residence were constructed in the mid 1920s. With its distinctive curved roof which was replicated elsewhere on Murchison pastoral stations, it is believed to have been built by Alf Couch who was responsible for much of their construction (eg Roderick and Woolleen Shearing Sheds etc). The curved roof was made on the ground and then jacked into position. Stoner and Wright expanded their haulage business over the years with the purchase of additional vehicles etc. In c1939 the partnership of Stoner and Wright was dissolved with Stoner moving to Mullewa where he commenced a cartage business while Harold Wright continued with the ownership of the Pindar Garage until 1969. At this time the property was sold to Ray and Allen Field, local farmers, who took over the buildings, machinery and equipment. The brothers operated a contracting business and continued to make use of the Garage building for servicing and maintaining their vehicles. Since the Fields sold their farm in 1990, the Garage has mostly been used for storage purposes. (Refer to the HCWA RHP Documentation for a detailed history of the building)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	203 Road transport
AHC:	3.8.5 Moving goods and people on land 8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pindar Garage building illustrates the development of a large motor vehicle haulage business from 1926 in rural Western Australia, being one of the earliest sizable truck haulage businesses in the region in the Inter-War period. The place is an example of technical innovation in its curved roof design which is evident in a number of Murchison buildings of the same era. The building, with its curved roof, CGI cladding and collection of machinery has strong aesthetic appeal and is rare remaining evidence of the past built fabric of Pindar.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	1
Level of Significance:	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the

**Management
Recommendation:**

heritage of the locality.
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, 13/05/2005

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

HCWA RHP Documentation (P1668); Thomas, B., "Pindar History 1873-1979"; 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

No other photos