

Place No:  
Bringo Railway Cutting, BRINGO

Management Category  
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| PLACE INFORMATION      |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Place Name:            | Bringo Railway Cutting |
| Previous Place Number: | GR154                  |
| Other Names:           |                        |
| Place Type:            | Other Built Type       |

| SITE LOCATION    |                                                              |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Street Address:  | Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road                                     |
| Locality:        | <b>BRINGO</b>                                                |
| Location Detail: | southside of Gtn-Mt Magnet Road (near Clarence Eakins Drive) |
| Assessment No:   | 64138                                                        |
| Survey:          |                                                              |
| Reserve:         | Railway Reserve                                              |
| GPS Coordinates  | 6818408mN; 288989mE                                          |

| HERITAGE LISTING          |                                                                                                                       |                              |
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| State Heritage Office ID: | 3249                                                                                                                  | Parent HCWA ID (if applied): |
| State Heritage Register:  | No                                                                                                                    |                              |
| Other Listing:            |                                                                                                                       |                              |
| Local Heritage Survey:    | Municipal Heritage Inventory Initial Assessment 09/12/1997<br>Municipal Heritage Inventory Last Assessment 05/04/2005 |                              |

| SIGNIFICANCE              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Level of Significance     | <b>SOME SIGNIFICANCE:</b><br><b>Contributes to the heritage and/or historical development of the locality.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Management Category       | <b>CATEGORY 4</b><br>Conservation of the place is desirable. Any proposed change to the place should be in sympathy with the heritage values of the place.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Statement of Significance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bringo Railway Cutting has historic value for its association with the provision of rail transport through the region since the late 19th century.</li> <li>The place has historic value for its connection to the small townsite of Bringo which was home to many rail workers and their families in the 20th century.</li> <li>The place has aesthetic value for its appeal for its dramatic presence in the attractive bushland setting.</li> <li>The place has research value for its demonstration of a significant achievement in civil engineering in 1894 which was undertaken using basic tools and methods. It was the largest cutting in Western Australia until the 1960s.</li> </ul> |

| PLACE USE    |         |
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| Original Use | Cutting |
| Current Use  | Cutting |
| Other Use    |         |

| CONSTRUCTION DETAILS |                                                                                                              |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Construction Date    | c1894;                                                                                                       |
| Walls                | N/A                                                                                                          |
| Roof                 | N/A                                                                                                          |
| Architectural Style  | N/A                                                                                                          |
| Physical Description | The Bringo Railway Cutting is located near the former Bringo Townsite south of the Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road. |
| Condition            | Good                                                                                                         |
| Integrity            |                                                                                                              |
| Authenticity         |                                                                                                              |

| HISTORICAL INFORMATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                             |
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| <p>The Bringo Railway Cutting was built c1894 as part of the railway line between Geraldton and Mullewa which opened in November 1894.</p> <p>When it was built it was the longest cutting in Western Australia and is believed to have remained as such until the 1960s. Approximately 80 men were involved in its construction.</p> |                                                                                                                             |
| Historic Themes:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Infrastructure: Transport and Communications<br>Infrastructure: Transport and Communications<br>Economy: Rural Occupations. |
| Associations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                             |
| Sources:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places 2019.<br>Landgate Aerial photographs.                      |

## ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



## PREVIOUS HERITAGE SURVEYS



**Municipal Heritage Inventory 2005**

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Bringo Townsite - site, BRINGO

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Approximate location of former Bringo Townsite in Blue

| PLACE INFORMATION      |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Place Name:            | Bringo Townsite - site    |
| Previous Place Number: | GR155                     |
| Other Names:           | Korajena State School     |
| Place Type:            | Historic Town or District |

| SITE LOCATION    |                                           |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Street Address:  | Clarence Eakins Drive                     |
| Locality:        | <b>BRINGO</b>                             |
| Location Detail: | off Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road (south side) |
| Assessment No:   | 61068/61197                               |
| Survey:          | Lot 11361, P183405                        |
| Reserve:         |                                           |
| GPS Coordinates  | 6818184mN; 289504mE                       |

| HERITAGE LISTING          |                                                                                                                       |                              |
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| State Heritage Office ID: | 13927                                                                                                                 | Parent HCWA ID (if applied): |
| State Heritage Register:  | No                                                                                                                    |                              |
| Other Listing:            |                                                                                                                       |                              |
| Local Heritage Survey:    | Municipal Heritage Inventory Initial Assessment 09/12/1997<br>Municipal Heritage Inventory Last Assessment 05/04/2005 |                              |

| SIGNIFICANCE              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Level of Significance     | <b>HISTORIC SITE: The site has historic significance for its previous use and its role in the historical development of the locality.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Management Category       | <b>CATEGORY 5</b><br>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 plantings as well as design treatment of any new development which reflects the former use of the site.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Statement of Significance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site of the former Bringo Townsite has historic value for its association with the former settlement established for workers on the government railway lines.</li> <li>The place has historic and social value for the members of the community who lived there, or had families or friends who spent time at the settlement or school for social and sporting events.</li> <li>The place has historic value as a demonstration of the wider pattern of settlement in the region and the state to support railway infrastructure.</li> </ul> |

| PLACE USE    |               |
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| Original Use | Townsite      |
| Current Use  | Vacant/unused |
| Other Use    |               |

| CONSTRUCTION DETAILS |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Construction Date    | c1907; demolished 1967, 1975;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Walls                | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Roof                 | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Architectural Style  | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Physical Description | <p>The 2025/26 review found no evidence of the former townsite. The cairn designating the site of the school was not found due to the density of the vegetation.</p> <p>The 2004/05 Review provided the following description.</p> <p>The Bringo Townsite is located on the south side of the Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road in a small picturesque hollow which features many Japanese pepper trees. Access is via a narrow winding road off the Highway which is becoming overgrown with vegetation. Some foundations remain of the buildings, including houses and a school. The site of the school is marked by a cairn.</p> <p>There are remnants of the original Geraldton-Mullewa Road with stone culverts on the site.</p> |
| Condition            | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Integrity            | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Authenticity         | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

| HISTORICAL INFORMATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
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| <p>The Bringo Townsite originated as a railway settlement for fettlers and their families. The townsite consisted of several houses, a school and tennis courts. The small Bringo School opened in 1907 for the children of the railway workers.</p> <p>During the 1940s, Bringo was a popular area for picnics with trains bringing passengers from Geraldton as well as locals attending.</p> <p>The school closed on 16 December 1949 after which the local school children were transported by school bus to Geraldton.</p> |  |

In 1951, the school building was bought by the Geraldton/Greenough Road Board and used as an Agricultural Hall. The Bringo School quarters were vacated on 2 August 1966 and demolished on 15 August 1967.

The former school building was demolished c1975.

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| Historic Themes: | Peopling WA: Demographic Development<br>Infrastructure: Transport and Communications<br>Infrastructure: Development of Settlements and Services. |
| Associations     |                                                                                                                                                  |
| Sources:         | City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places 2019.<br>Landgate Aerial photographs.                                           |

## ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

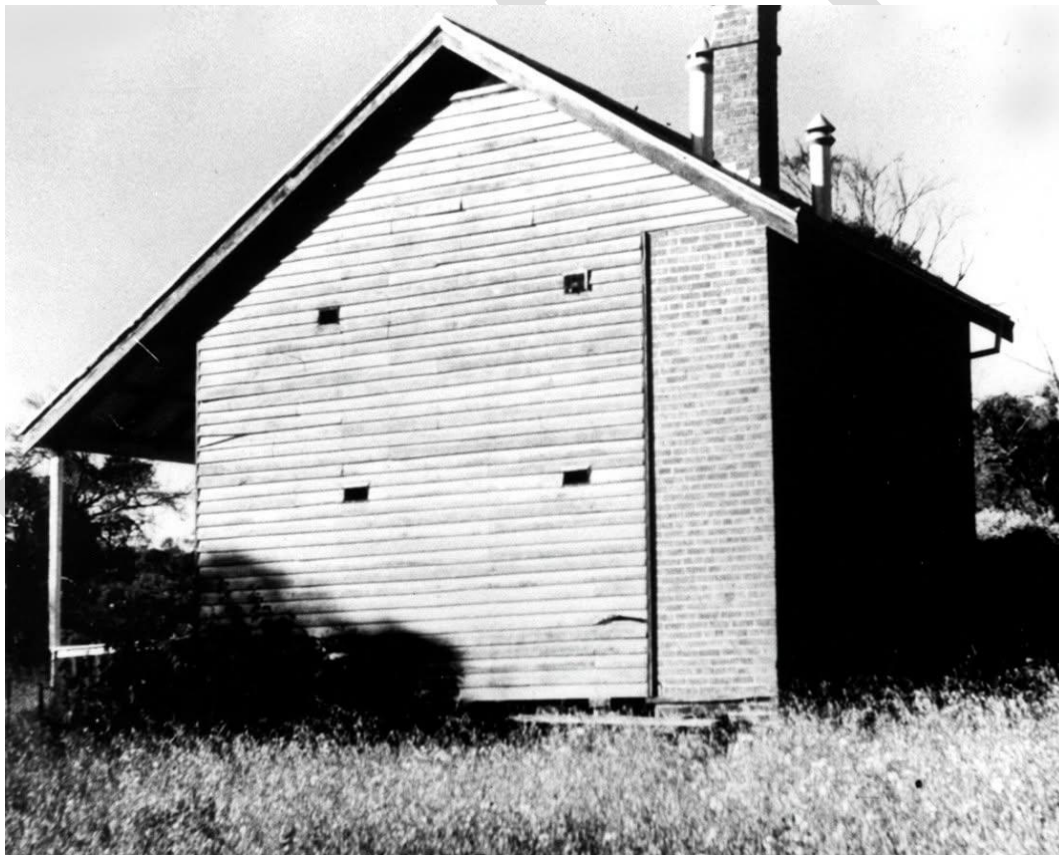


## PREVIOUS HERITAGE SURVEYS



Municipal Heritage Inventory 2004

## ARCHIVAL IMAGE



Korajena State School, Bringo, 1947. Courtesy Geraldton Historical Society Facebook page.

Place No:  
Newmarracarra, BRINGO

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| PLACE INFORMATION      |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Place Name:            | Newmarracarra                |
| Previous Place Number: | GR156                        |
| Other Names:           | Newmarracarra Homestead      |
| Place Type:            | Individual Building or Group |

| SITE LOCATION    |                                               |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Street Address:  | 1853 Geraldton-Mount Magnet Road (north side) |
| Locality:        | <b>BRINGO</b>                                 |
| Location Detail: | off Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road (north side)     |
| Assessment No:   | 61036                                         |
| Survey:          | Lot 7, P005981                                |
| Reserve:         |                                               |
| GPS Coordinates  | 6821151mN; 287547mE                           |

| HERITAGE LISTING          |                                                            |                              |
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| State Heritage Office ID: | 3443                                                       | Parent HCWA ID (if applied): |
| State Heritage Register:  | Yes 07/10/1997                                             |                              |
| Other Listing:            | National Trust of WA - Classified 14/04/1998               |                              |
| Local Heritage Survey:    | Municipal Heritage Inventory Initial Assessment 22/09/1997 |                              |
|                           | Municipal Heritage Inventory Last Assessment 09/03/2005    |                              |

| SIGNIFICANCE              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Level of Significance     | <b>EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE:</b><br><b>Essential to the heritage of the locality.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Management Category       | <b>CATEGORY 1</b><br>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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Statement of Significance | <p>Newmarracarra, a large single-storey Federation Queen Anne style stone, brick and tile farm homestead, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is a fine example of an impressively large early twentieth century working homestead, characteristic of the Federation Queen Anne style of architecture, with a strong regional influence shown in the stone walls and local Western Australian construction techniques;</li> <li>• The place is historically associated with three prominent families of the Geraldton (formerly 'Champion Bay') district, the Browns, Grants and Clunes having all made significant and prominent contributions to local affairs and developments;</li> <li>• it is a fine example of the work of prominent architect, Jack Learmonth Ochiltree;</li> <li>• Its construction in 1910 was an achievement in that it was possibly the largest and certainly one of the finest rural homesteads built in Western Australia at that time; and,</li> <li>• the large scale of the place is uncommon, the viewing platform was a very uncommon feature, and it is a rare example of a large homestead in its original form, albeit deteriorated.</li> </ul> |

| PLACE USE    |                             |
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| Original Use | Farming/Pastoral: Homestead |
| Current Use  | Vacant/Unused               |
| Other Use    | Educational: Other          |

| CONSTRUCTION DETAILS |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Construction Date    | 1860; 1910; 2020s;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Walls                | Stone: Limestone<br>Brick: Common brick                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Roof                 | Corrugated Metal Sheetting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Architectural Style  | Federation Queen Anne                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Physical Description | <p>Newmarracarra Homestead is situated on a gently sloping site and was formerly surrounded by elegant fenced gardens and a tennis court. The homestead group comprises a very large residence, accommodation (staff) building to the north, shearing sheds, former barn and stables and storage sheds. The outbuildings are still in use as farm buildings other than for the stone external accommodation building which is now in ruins. The main residence is no longer occupied and is generally in a sound condition despite many years of neglect.</p> <p>The residence is very large (over 700m<sup>2</sup> + verandah) with an expansive 'U' shape plan forming an internalised courtyard to the rear (north). Two large turrets over octagonal rooms at the corners dominate the front façade together with a projecting timbered gable over the entry. The house is surrounded by a red painted corrugated iron bullnosed verandah attached at walls below the main roof. The turrets are roofed with a pressed metal 'fishscale' patterned sheetting whilst the main roof is red cement roof tiles. The original roofing was terra cotta coloured asbestos cement slates (or 'Marseilles' slate) some of which is still in place on the east wing together with terra cotta filigree ridge capping. Several large rendered chimneys, with mouldings, punctuate the roof which was formally capped with a</p> |

viewing platform, and roof lantern, all of which has now been removed and replaced by a flat metal deck roof sheeting for weatherproofing the interior.

The external walls of the residence are of local stone with red, tuck painted, brick quoins to corners and openings. The verandahs are supported on turned timber posts and decorative brackets with the timber floors at the front which is built up above the gently sloping ground. At the rear, concrete has replaced the timber to the verandah floors and the building site is cut into the gently rising ground. A retaining wall has been built across the back of the house, just beyond the verandah. Rainwater from the roof is collected and stored in a large underground cistern with its domed top (above ground level) visible just off the N.E. corner of the building.

The southern section is the oldest and comprises the original homestead to which the other wings were added to form the 'U' shape. Some former roof framing including corrugated iron can still be seen within the existing roof space of the eastern wing and this may relate to the earlier structure. Some of the other wings may have been built in several stages and there is evidence of a high standard of finish to bathrooms and accommodation in the western wing, possibly related to the purported visit of the Duke of Gloucester in 1927.

Internally the rooms are set out both sides off central passageways in the newer west and the south wings. Walls are plastered onto stone and the ceilings were generally lathe and plaster but these have been stripped back or removed (for safety) in most cases as they were collapsing. Timber floors have deep moulded skirtings, windows generally are double hung and doors are 4 & 6 panel. The entry hall and stair features moulded plastered arches and a turned timber balustrade on the stair leads up to several roof space rooms (for staff). Most fittings, finishes, panelling and fireplace surrounds have been removed but the grand scale of the place has not been diminished.

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| Condition    | Good |
| Integrity    | High |
| Authenticity | High |

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The land encompassing Newmarracarra, Glengarry and Moonyoonooka was taken up by Thomas Brown in 1852. Brown, who was briefly the Resident Magistrate for the Champion Bay district, was a keen horse breeder and used Newmarracarra as a horse station.

Following his death in 1863, Brown's sons, Ken and Maitland Brown, took over the substantial pastoral leases and continued to build on the successful horse trade business, particularly with India.

In 1882, both Newmarracarra and Glengarry were acquired by wealthy pastoralist, J.P. McKenzie Grant. Newspaper reports of 1887 describe a large elegant stone homestead with a corrugated iron roof, along with substantial outbuildings. This original homestead is believed to be incorporated in the building which exists today. When the railway line was built between Geraldton and Mullewa, there was a siding on the Newmarracarra property which was referred to as 'Grant's siding'.

When Mr Grant died in 1897 the property was divided between his four sons. Walter McKenzie Grant took up Newmarracarra, David Edgar Grant inherited Moonyoonooka, John Gordon Grant gained Glengarry, and Alec Edgar Grant became the owner of Yanget.

In April 1910, tenders were called for the construction of a brick and stone homestead at Newmarracarra, designed by noted Perth architect, J.L. Ochiltree. The successful tenderer was Fred Huckle for a sum of £4049.

The Homestead and property were well known in the district and the centre of much socialising. Following a severe drought and depression in the 1930s Walter McKenzie Grant lost Newmarracarra to the Union Bank. His son, Walter Grant managed the property for a while.

During World War II the Homestead was used by the Army as a hospital. In 1945 Jeremiah James Clune purchased the property. J.J. Clune, who was a member of the Geraldton Roads Board and later the Greenough Shire, lived at Newmarracarra until his death in 1967. At this time the Homestead was vacated owing to its large size and extensive ongoing maintenance.

The place stood empty until the late 1970s when it was used for retreats and training camps for catholic school children and some modifications were made to the bathrooms and kitchen.

Since then the place has been largely vacant although the Clune family are undertaking renovations of the place, including the reinstatement of the roof, verandah and improving ground drainage. Architect John Taylor has overseen these conservation works.

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| Historic Themes: | Peopling WA: Demographic Development<br>Economy: Rural Occupations<br>Cultural Life: Domestic Life.                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                       |
| Associations     | Walter McKenzie Grant<br>Clune family<br>Jack Learmonth Ochiltree<br>Fred Huckle                                                                                                                                                                      | Owner and Occupier<br>Owners and Occupiers<br>Architect<br>Contractor |
| Sources:         | City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places 2019.<br>P3443 Newmarracarra Homestead, RHP Assessment Documentation, 14 April 1998.<br>Newmarracarra Homestead Conservation Management Plan, Hocking Heritage + Architecture, 2023. |                                                                       |

## ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS 2023



## PREVIOUS HERITAGE SURVEYS



Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2004



Municipal Heritage Inventory 1997



Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2004



Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2004

## ARCHIVAL IMAGE



Newmarracarra, 1913. Courtesy Museums Victoria.