

Place No:
Cowan's House, NARNGULU

Management Category
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PLACE INFORMATION	
Place Name:	Cowan's House
Previous Place Number:	GR87
Other Names:	Hills View Estate
Place Type:	Individual Building or Group

SITE LOCATION	
Street Address:	778 Edward Road
Locality:	NARNGULU
Location Detail:	West side of Edward Road, south of the former Narngulu townsite
Assessment No:	63653
Survey:	Lot 12, D066007
Reserve:	
GPS Coordinates	6808813mN; 275729mE

HERITAGE LISTING		
State Heritage Office ID:	13960	Parent HCWA ID (if applied):
State Heritage Register:	No	
Other Listing:		
Local Heritage Survey:	Municipal Heritage Inventory Initial Assessment 30/09/1997 Municipal Heritage Inventory Last Assessment 22/03/2005	

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of Significance	MODERATE SIGNIFICANCE: Important to the heritage of the locality.
Management Category	CATEGORY 3 Conservation of the place is recommended. Any proposed change to the place should not unduly impact on the heritage values of the place and should retain significant fabric wherever feasible.
Statement of Significance	- The place has aesthetic value for its demonstration of the form and detail of the Victorian Georgian style in stone. - The place has historic value for its association with the settlement and development of the Back Flats region for agriculture in the late 19th century. - The place has historic value for its association with Robert Cowan and his family who made a contribution to the development of the region in the 19th century. - The place has social value as a demonstration of the scale and form of housing for rural families in the late 19th century. - The place has social value for its contribution to the community sense of place.

PLACE USE	
Original Use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Current Use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Other Use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction Date	1883;
Walls	Limestone
Roof	Corrugated Iron
Architectural Style	Victorian Georgian
Physical Description	(Assessed from the road) This simple four roomed stone cottage has a hipped corrugated iron roof, with a lean-to to the south. The place has a symmetrical facade with a timber framed double hung window either side of a central doorway. The house features brick quoining to the openings and corners and two chimneys.
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
In the late 1890s with the completion of the Geraldton to Mullewa Railway line this place became known as Mullewa Junction. Land was set aside for a townsite in 1900, and three years later was gazetted as Mullewa Junction. In 1905, the town was renamed Crowther, only to have the name changed again in 1906 to Narngulu. Some sources note that this name was taken from a local Aboriginal language as 'to remember'. It is believed this house was built in 1883, this date being carved into a keystone on the building. The settlement of the region prior to the railway was largely for agriculture. Previous research has found that the original owner of the property was Robert Henderson Cowan (1856-1931), who was an accountant and bank manager in Geraldton, officer in the Voluntary Corps, keen horseman and a 'crack shot'. He married Rosa Howard Du Boulay (1867-1923) in 1890 and the couple relocated to this property they named 'Hills View' when he retired as bank manager in 1901. The place continues to be used as a private residence and aerial photographs indicate that modern additions have been built onto the rear of the building.	
Historic Themes:	Peopling WA: Demographic Development

	Economy: Rural Occupations Economy: Workers and Working.	
Associations	Robert Cowan	Owner and occupier
Sources:	City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places 2019. Landgate Aerial Photographs, 2000-2025. Geraldton Guardian and Express, 29 December 1931, p. 2.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



PREVIOUS HERITAGE SURVEYS



Municipal Heritage Inventory 2005

Place No:
Narngulu Station Master's Residence (fmr),
NARNGULU

Management Category
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PLACE INFORMATION	
Place Name:	Narngulu Station Master's Residence (fmr)
Previous Place Number:	GR89
Other Names:	Residence, 606 Edward Rd
Place Type:	Individual Building or Group

SITE LOCATION	
Street Address:	606 Edward Road
Locality:	NARNGULU
Location Detail:	South of the junction of Edward Rd and Moonyoonooka-Nangulu Rd
Assessment No:	63809
Survey:	Lot 101, P191415
Reserve:	
GPS Coordinates	6810136mN; 274898mE

HERITAGE LISTING		
State Heritage Office ID:	3390	Parent HCWA ID (if applied):
State Heritage Register:	No	
Other Listing:		
Local Heritage Survey:	Municipal Heritage Inventory Initial Assessment 30/09/1997 Municipal Heritage Inventory Last Assessment 22/03/2005	

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of Significance	CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important to the heritage of the locality.
Management Category	CATEGORY 2 Conservation of the place is highly recommended. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the heritage values of the place and should retain significant fabric wherever feasible.
Statement of Significance	- The place has aesthetic value for its demonstration of the form and detail of the Federation Bungalow style in stone. - The place has aesthetic value for its contribution to the Narngulu townsite and is a rare example of the early settlement of the townsite. - The place has historic value for its association with the settlement and development of Narngulu townsite as a railway station and regional hub in the early 20th century. - The place has social value as a demonstration of the scale and form of housing for government workers in the early 20th century. - The place has social value for its contribution to the community sense of place.

PLACE USE	
Original Use	Transport/Communications: Rail: Housing or Quarters
Current Use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Other Use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction Date	c1894;
Walls	Limestone
Roof	Corrugated Iron
Architectural Style	Federation Bungalow
Physical Description	Located immediately to the east of the railway line near the intersection of Edward and Moonyoonooka-Narngulu Roads, this stone house has a steeply pitched corrugated iron gable roof which extends to cover the front (north) verandah. The verandah is supported on timber posts and is partly enclosed with fibro, lattice and shade cloth. There is a corrugated iron clad lean-to to the rear. The roof is punctuated by two rendered and moulded chimneys. The house still has original double hung timber windows and features an air vent to the gable end. There is a small timber framed corrugated iron clad shed with a curved roof located immediately behind the house.
Condition	Fair
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
In the late 1890s with the completion of the Geraldton to Mullewa Railway line this place became known as Mullewa Junction. Land was set aside for a townsite in 1900, and three years later was gazetted as Mullewa Junction. In 1905, the town was renamed Crowther, only to have the name changed again in 1906 to Narngulu. Some sources note that this name was taken from a local Aboriginal language as 'to remember'. The Station Master's House was built c1894 when the Government Railway was constructed between Geraldton and Mullewa. One of the long term Station Masters was Mr Pingelly who held that position from 1899 to 1913. He and his family lived in the Station Master's house, and during his time in the town was noted as being 'courteous and obliging to everyone'.	

In c1939, the station was reduced in status to a 'siding' and the Station Master was removed. This was a function of the reduction in agricultural revenue from the region.

The townsite diminished in size through the mid 20th century although the rail line continues to be of importance to mining and agriculture. In 1984, the Greenough Regional Prison opened and the adjacent areas continue to develop for light industry.

The former station masters house is no longer associated with the railway services and was transferred to private ownership in the mid 1990s and is used as a residence.

Historic Themes:	Infrastructure: Transport and Communications Peopling WA: Demographic Development Economy: Workers and Working.
Associations	
Sources:	City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places 2019. Landgate Reserve 43079 report. Geraldton Guardian and Express, 15 June 1939, p. 4. Geraldton Guardian, 30 July 1912, p. 1. Geraldton Murchison Telegraph, 22 Dec 1893, p. 3. 'The Geraldton-Mullewa Railway'.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



PREVIOUS HERITAGE SURVEYS



Municipal Heritage Inventory 2005

Place No:
Teachers Quarters (fmr), NARNGULU

Management Category
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PLACE INFORMATION		
Place Name:	Teachers Quarters (fmr)	
Previous Place Number:	GR215	
Other Names:	Residence, 93 Carr St Residence, 33 Carr St	
Place Type:	Individual Building or Group	
SITE LOCATION		
Street Address:	33 Carr Street	
Locality:	NARNGULU	
Location Detail:	South west corner of Carr and Hosken Streets.	
Assessment No:	11674	
Survey:	Lot 93, P162546	
Reserve:		
GPS Coordinates	6810219mN; 274620mE	
HERITAGE LISTING		
State Heritage Office ID:	17906	Parent HCWA ID (if applied):
State Heritage Register:	No	
Other Listing:		
Local Heritage Survey:	Municipal Heritage Inventory Initial Assessment 09/12/2005 Municipal Heritage Inventory Last Assessment 11/03/2010	

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of Significance	MODERATE SIGNIFICANCE: Important to the heritage of the locality.
Management Category	CATEGORY 3 Conservation of the place is recommended. Any proposed change to the place should not unduly impact on the heritage values of the place and should retain significant fabric wherever feasible.
Statement of Significance	- The place has aesthetic value for its remaining form and detail of the Federation Bungalow style in timber. - The place has aesthetic value for its contribution to the Narngulu townsite and is a rare example of the early settlement of the townsite. - The place has historic value for its association with the settlement and development of Narngulu townsite as a railway station and regional hub in the early 20th century. - The place has historic value for its association with the former school at Narngulu. - The place has social value as a demonstration of the scale and form of housing for government workers in the early 20th century. - The place has social value for its contribution to the community sense of place.

PLACE USE	
Original Use	Educational: Housing or Quarters
Current Use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Other Use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction Date	1909;
Walls	Weatherboard
Roof	Corrugated Sheet Metal
Architectural Style	Federation Bungalow
Physical Description	This timber framed weatherboard clad house has a gable corrugated iron roof with central brick chimney over the main part of the house and a hipped corrugated iron roof over the front room which extends east of the house. It is a simple expression of the Federation Bungalow style. There is an enclosed verandah on the north side and part of the east side at the entrance to the house. The back (west) wall has been enclosed with asbestos. Windows were originally timber framed and have been replaced with different sized aluminium framed windows.
Condition	Good
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	High

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quarters but these have not been sighted. It is probable the former school was located to the west on the same original lot designated as Lot 41. It is not known when the school building was demolished or relocated.

The former quarters have been used as a private residence since at least the 1990s. The townsite of Narngulu no longer exists and the surrounding area is now associated with the Geraldton Regional Prison located nearby and various industrial manufacturing and processing plants.

Historic Themes:	Peopling WA: Demographic Development Economy: Workers and Working Social Services: Education.
Associations	
Sources:	City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2019. Geraldton Guardian, 11 March 1909, p. 2; 18 November 1926, p. 2. Crowther School and Quarters, cons 1647 13562, SROWA. Kalgoorlie Western Argus, 27 April 1909, p. 32.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



PREVIOUS HERITAGE SURVEYS



Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2005