

Place No:
Pindar Burial Sites, PINDAR

Management Category
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PLACE INFORMATION		
Place Name:	Pindar Burial Sites	
Previous Place Number:	MW61	
Other Names:	Lot 11855	
Place Type:	Other Built Type	
SITE LOCATION		
Street Address:	Geraldton-Mount Magnet Road	
Locality:	PINDAR	
Location Detail:	Approx. 1km north-west of Pindar	
Assessment No:	8368	
Survey:	Lot 11855, P091852	
Reserve:	854	
GPS Coordinates	-28.4752575mN; 115.7802951mE	
HERITAGE LISTING		
State Heritage Office ID:	25866	Parent HCWA ID (if applied):
State Heritage Register:	No	
Other Listing:		
Local Heritage Survey:	Municipal Heritage Inventory Initial Assessment 07/09/2015 Municipal Heritage Inventory Last Assessment 07/09/2015	

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	- These remote Burial Sites have historic value as a demonstration of the challenges associated with the living and working in remote regional areas in the early 20th century. - The burial sites and the decorative steel railing in this remote location have aesthetic value as simple monuments in a bushland setting that provide an opportunity for reflection. - The burial sites have social value for the community as they demonstrate how burials took place when faced with difficulties of limited transport.

PLACE USE	
Original Use	Monument/Grave
Current Use	Monument/Grave
Other Use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction Date	1911; 1919;
Walls	N/A
Roof	N/A
Architectural Style	N/A
Physical Description	Located approximately 1km north-west of the townsite of Pindar and about 60 metres north of the Old Pindar-Mullewa Road, these two graves are located in a small clearing amongst the bushland. The most prominent gravesite consists of a rectangular concrete base with tall decorative metal railings surrounding. At the base of the railings is a concrete plinth and plaque for James Makin (died 1911). Nearby is a similar marker for Brindley Merrett (died 1919) and this gravesite is defined by placed stones.
Condition	Fair
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
This site of these two graves is not a consecrated Cemetery but is within a large reserve created in 1892 for the purpose of a 'resting place for travellers'. By 1990 this area of 720 hectares around the Pindar townsite was designated for Government Requirements. Apart from these two burials it appears that no others were buried here as the common practice was for burials to take place at the formally designated cemetery in Mullewa. Research by the City of Greater Geraldton has determined that the two burials at this site are for: James Makin who died in 1911 as a result of being crushed under a wagon. Reports at the time note that his body was interred at Pindar because there was no need for an inquest. Brindley Merrett who died in 1919 through suicide and was buried by Father John Hawes. For many years it was proposed that this location was the gravesite of Thomas Lintott who died in 1926 in similar circumstances as James Makin. However the City of Greater Geraldton research has revealed that Lintott was buried at Mullewa in 1926. As a result of this research undertaken in 2015 and 2019 these two markers were installed at the site.	

Historic Themes:	Cultural Life: Religion Economy: Rural Occupations Economy: Workers and Working.	
Associations	Brindley Merrett James Makin Monsignor J. Hawes	Gravesite Gravesite Priest
Sources:	City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places 2019. "Geraldton Express", 11/8/1926. "Geraldton Guardian", 18/5/1911, p.2; 26 /8/1919, p. 3; 10/8/1926, p. 2; 14/8/1926, p. 2. Pindar Burials - Historical Background Research, Trudi Cornish, City of Greater Geraldton, 5 August 2019.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



PREVIOUS HERITAGE SURVEYS



Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2015.



Municipal Heritage Inventory 2015.

Place No:
Pindar Garage Buildings, PINDAR

Management Category
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PLACE INFORMATION	
Place Name:	Pindar Garage Buildings
Previous Place Number:	MW54
Other Names:	Stoner and Wright's Garage & Workshop
Place Type:	Individual Building or Group

SITE LOCATION	
Street Address:	1 Sharpe Street
Locality:	PINDAR
Location Detail:	cnr Adams Street
Assessment No:	1404
Survey:	Lot 9, P223044
Reserve:	
GPS Coordinates	6849293.82mN; 381435.26mE

HERITAGE LISTING	
State Heritage Office ID:	1668
State Heritage Register:	Yes 13/05/2005
Other Listing:	
Local Heritage Survey:	Municipal Heritage Inventory Initial Assessment 10/02/1995 Municipal Heritage Inventory Last Assessment 19/03/2012

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of Significance	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the heritage of the locality.
Management Category	CATEGORY 1 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	Pindar Garage Buildings, a collection of vernacular style buildings in an open landscape including a sprung corrugated iron and skillion roofed and corrugated iron clad workshop, a corrugated iron roofed and clad shed and quarters, a railway sleeper construction shed, a corrugated iron clad dwelling in the Federation Bungalow style, and an outdoor privy, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons: - the place is a substantially intact complex of buildings that illustrates the development of a large motor vehicle haulage business from 1926 in rural Western Australia, particularly in the Mid-West, and is 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 as practised by an unknown builder in the Murchison in the Inter-War period, which was well suited to its intended use as a garage at Pindar and as shearing sheds in the region; - the main garage structure is a striking built form, and together with its collection of machinery, machinery parts, and objects has strong aesthetic appeal; - the place is rare for its combination of distinctive architecture, use, and accumulated objects; and, - the place was built at a time of transition to motorised transport, and still operates as a garage on a reduced scale, illustrating the continuing role of this form of transport in regional Western Australia; The unfixed machinery and parts were not assessed. The asbestos clad quarters noted in the documentary evidence, on the lot north of the right of way, is of little significance.

PLACE USE	
Original Use	Transport/Communications: Road/Other
Current Use	Commercial: Other
Other Use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction Date	1926;
Walls	Metal: Corrugated Iron
Roof	Metal: Corrugated Iron
Architectural Style	Vernacular
Physical Description	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 P1668 RHP Documentation for a detailed description of the building.
Condition	Poor
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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 (e.g. 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 P1668 RHP Documentation for a detailed history of the building.

Historic Themes:	Infrastructure: Development of Settlements and Services Peopling WA: Demographic Development Economy: Rural Occupations.	
Associations	G. Stoner and J. Wright Alf Couch Ray and Allen Field	Architect Builder Owners and business operators
Sources:	City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places 2019. P1668 HCWA RHP Documentation, 13 April 2005.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS





PREVIOUS HERITAGE SURVEYS



Municipal Heritage Inventory 2009.

Place No:
Pindar Garage Residence, PINDAR

Management Category
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PLACE INFORMATION	
Place Name:	Pindar Garage Residence
Previous Place Number:	MW55
Other Names:	
Place Type:	Individual Building or Group

SITE LOCATION	
Street Address:	3 Sharpe Street
Locality:	PINDAR
Location Detail:	
Assessment No:	1405
Survey:	Lot 10, P223044
Reserve:	
GPS Coordinates	6849293.82mN; 381435.26mE

HERITAGE LISTING	
State Heritage Office ID:	25466 Parent HCWA ID (if applied): 1668
State Heritage Register:	Yes 21/04/2006
Other Listing:	
Local Heritage Survey:	Municipal Heritage Inventory Initial Assessment 10/02/1995 Municipal Heritage Inventory Last Assessment 19/03/2012

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of Significance	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the heritage of the locality.
Management Category	CATEGORY 1 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	Pindar Garage Buildings, a collection of vernacular style buildings in an open landscape including a sprung corrugated iron and skillion roofed and corrugated iron clad workshop, a corrugated iron roofed and clad shed and quarters, a railway sleeper construction shed, a corrugated iron clad dwelling in the Federation Bungalow style, and an outdoor privy, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons: - the place is a substantially intact complex of buildings that illustrates the development of a large motor vehicle haulage business from 1926 in rural Western Australia, particularly in the Mid-West, and is 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 as practised by an unknown builder in the Murchison in the Inter-War period, which was well suited to its intended use as a garage at Pindar and as shearing sheds in the region; - the main garage structure is a striking built form, and together with its collection of machinery, machinery parts, and objects has strong aesthetic appeal; - the place is rare for its combination of distinctive architecture, use, and accumulated objects; and,

PLACE USE	
Original Use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Current Use	Vacant / Unused
Other Use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction Date	1926
Walls	Metal: Corrugated Iron Fibre Cement: Sheeting
Roof	Metal: Corrugated Iron
Architectural Style	Federation Bungalow
Physical Description	The dwelling is a Federation Bungalow style house with a gambrel roof constructed in timber framing and clad with corrugated iron and asbestos cement sheeting. The core of the house is asymmetrically composed, with a centrally located front door flanked by a single double hung sash window to the west and a pair of them to the east. The main roof extends to cover a verandah to the frontage (south elevation) which is supported on timber posts. An asbestos cement clad balustrade extends across the front of the house. There is an enclosed sleep-out to the eastern side of the house. Refer to the HCWA P1668 RHP Documentation for a detailed description of the building.
Condition	Poor
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

In the mid to late 1920s, Harold James 'Jim' Wright, the co-owner of the Pindar Garage and Stoner & Wright's Motor Engineers and Haulage Contractors, organized for local Pindar resident H. Jones to cart a dwelling from Yuin Reef to Pindar, where it was re-erected on the right side of the garage building, on the adjoining Lot 10, fronting Sharpe Street.

The dwelling served as the Wrights' family home for around 40 years. On 22 August 1969, brothers and local farmers Ray and Allen Field purchased both the Garage and the residence. When the Fields sold their farm in 1990, the Pindar house ceased to be used as a permanent residence, but has been used periodically when the Fields visit Pindar.

Refer to the HCWA P1668 RHP Documentation for a detailed history of the building.

Historic Themes:	Peopling WA: Demographic Development Infrastructure: Development of Settlements and Services Cultural Life: Domestic Life.	
Associations	H. Jones Harold Wright and family Ray and Allen Field	Contractor Owners and occupants Owners and occupants
Sources:	City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places 2019. P1668 HCWA RHP Documentation, 13 April 2005.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



PREVIOUS HERITAGE SURVEYS



Municipal Heritage Inventory 2009

Place No:
Pindar Hotel (fmr), PINDAR

Management Category
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PLACE INFORMATION	
Place Name:	Pindar Hotel (fmr)
Previous Place Number:	MW53
Other Names:	Pindar Pub
Place Type:	Individual Building or Group

SITE LOCATION	
Street Address:	17 Sharpe Street
Locality:	PINDAR
Location Detail:	
Assessment No:	1273
Survey:	Lot 25, P223044
Reserve:	
GPS Coordinates	6849378.91mN; 381597.19mE

HERITAGE LISTING	
State Heritage Office ID:	1669
State Heritage Register:	Yes 08/01/1999
Other Listing:	National Trust of WA - Classified 01/11/1985
Local Heritage Survey:	Municipal Heritage Inventory Initial Assessment 10/02/1995 Municipal Heritage Inventory Last Assessment 17/03/2012

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of Significance	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the heritage of the locality.
Management Category	CATEGORY 1 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	Pindar Hotel (fmr), a two-storey masonry hotel constructed in the Federation Filigree style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons: - the place is a representative example of a vernacular 'corner pub' built in the Federation period, adapted to the needs of the people who owned and operated it, - the place has landmark quality due to its prominence on the streetscape and its relationship with the remaining buildings of the small townsite. It is the most visible building remaining to illustrate the early development of Pindar; - the place has a close association with the hoteliers that lived in, operated and maintained it. It was an important social/gathering place and rest point for farmers/workers and visitors passing through the area. The place caters for tourists on a seasonal basis, and thus continues the ongoing historic accommodation theme; - and, the hotel contributes to the community's sense of place as a centre where local people once socialised and as a tourist destination.

PLACE USE	
Original Use	Commercial: Hotel, Tavern or Inn
Current Use	Commercial: Hotel, Tavern or Inn
Other Use	Residential: Two Storey Residence

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction Date	1905; 1927;
Walls	Stone: Limestons
Roof	Metal: Tile sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Filigree
Physical Description	Prominently located on a corner in the small townsite of Pindar, facing south and addressing the railway and the Mt Magnet Road beyond, the Pindar Hotel fmr is a two storey stone building with a single storey section to the rear. The front (south) and east elevations have a two storey verandah, while there is a full length single storey verandah on the west side extending around the angled corner. The main roof is hipped metal tile while the balcony and verandah roofs are corrugated iron. Windows are timber sash and are enhanced by brick quoining which also features to the corners of the building. Internally the building features pressed metal ceilings, a wooden staircase with turned posts, several fireplaces with wooden mantle-pieces and timber floors. Refer to the HCWA P1669 RHP Documentation for a detailed description of the building.
Condition	Fair
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

In November 1892 Reserve 1019, containing 1019 acres, was created around Pindar Well for the purposes of a resting place for travellers. However, it was the construction and opening of the Geraldton to Cue railway that saw the small townsite of Pindar develop. Having arrived in Mullewa in 1894, work on the Geraldton-Cue railway line continued with the section between Pindar and Cue being opened on 1 July 1898. On 22 February 1901 the Pindar Townsite reserve 6989 containing 243 acres with 32 half acre town lots was officially gazetted.

The Pindar Hotel is believed to have been built in 1905, by Mr Blevin, a local builder, although the application for a Wayside House License was not granted until March 1908.

Emmett Michael Gill, who was the owner of the Wurarga Hotel, operated the Pindar Hotel as well as the local store. Known locally as the Pindar Pub, the hotel was the focal point for the small town and was frequented by local residents, travellers, teamsters, railway and station employees, pastoral station workers and sandalwood cutters.

Following Emmett Gill's death the Pindar Hotel was transferred to his widow Mary Augusta Gill and then onto her son, E.M. Gill. Following Gill Jnr's death in 1962, his estate was granted to his widow Olive Rose Gill. With declining patronage, especially following the sealing of the Pindar-Mullewa Road in 1972, and with much talk of the closing of the Geraldton to Meekatharra railway, the Pindar Hotel closed on 5 January 1975.

Since then the building was used as a residence and from 1994 as a bed and breakfast.

Refer to the HCWA P1669 RHP Documentation for a detailed history of the building.

Historic Themes:	Economy: Commerce Peopling WA: Demographic Development Cultural Life: Domestic Life.	
Associations	Emmett Michael Gill Mr Blevin	Owner, occupant and manager Builder
Sources:	City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places 2019. HCWA RHP Documentation (P1669); Taylor, J., "Conservation Plan for Pindar Hotel Fmr", 1998.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



PREVIOUS HERITAGE SURVEYS



Municipal Heritage Inventory, 1996



Municipal Heritage Inventory 2007

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Place No:
Pindar Post Office & Store (fmr), PINDAR

Management Category
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PLACE INFORMATION		
Place Name:	Pindar Post Office & Store (fmr)	
Previous Place Number:	MW60	
Other Names:		
Place Type:	Individual Building or Group	
SITE LOCATION		
Street Address:	23 Sharpe Street	
Locality:	PINDAR	
Location Detail:		
Assessment No:	508	
Survey:	Lot 28, P223044	
Reserve:		
GPS Coordinates	6814453.7mN; 377920.19mE	
HERITAGE LISTING		
State Heritage Office ID:	25865	Parent HCWA ID (if applied):
State Heritage Register:	No	
Other Listing:		
Local Heritage Survey:	Municipal Heritage Inventory Initial Assessment 26/03/2015 Municipal Heritage Inventory Last Assessment 26/03/2015	

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of Significance	SOME SIGNIFICANCE: Contributes to the heritage and/or historical development of the locality.
Management Category	CATEGORY 4 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	- The Pindar Post Office and Store (fmr) has aesthetic value as a demonstration of simple vernacular construction in the Post War period that featured simple materials and methods when resources were limited. - The place has historic value for its role in communications and commerce in the district for 25 years. - The place has social value for the members of the community who used the facilities at the premises and recall the townsite of Pindar as a once thriving town. - The place has aesthetic value as a landmark in the small townsite of Pindar and has been since its construction in 1945.

PLACE USE	
Original Use	Transport/Communications: Communications/ Post or Telegraph Office
Current Use	Vacant/Unused
Other Use	Commerce: Shop Retail/ Single

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction Date	1945;
Walls	Concrete Block
Roof	Metal: Corrugated Iron
Architectural Style	Vernacular
Physical Description	Located on the main street of the townsite of Pindar, immediately east of the Pindar Hotel (fmr) and opposite the grain silos, this small building fronts directly onto Sharpe Street. With walls of concrete block construction, the hipped roof is clad with short sheets of corrugated iron. The roof extends at the same pitch to cover the front verandah which is supported on timber posts mounted on small concrete plinths. The front façade of the building features two doors and two windows - one large and one small. There is a rear lean-to which appears to have been constructed at a later date as it has a different colour concrete block and mortar joint.
Condition	Poor
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	Moderate

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
Previous research has determined that in 1945 Mr and Mrs D. Keytes has a cement brick building constructed on Pindar Town Lot 28. Upon completion they opened a Post Office and Store in the building. Mr Keytes was also the local fodder merchant. The use of concrete block for the construction is reflective of the limited building resources available during war time and the period immediately following. The addition at the rear of the building demonstrates a different blockwork which may have been manufactured on site. In 1968, the Keytes sold their business to Mrs Rose Runnells and retired to Geraldton. At this time Rose would hold the annual Christmas Tree celebrations in the building.	

In 1970, Rose's Pindar home burnt to the ground and she was forced to close the Pindar Post Office and store.

Since then the place has been largely unused and there is little evidence that it has been maintained.

Historic Themes:	Infrastructure: Transport and Communications Infrastructure: Development of Settlements and Services Economy: Rural Occupations.	
Associations	Keytes family Rose Runnells	Owners, business managers Owners, business managers
Sources:	City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places 2019.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



PREVIOUS HERITAGE SURVEYS



Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2014



Municipal Heritage Inventory 2014