

Place No:
House, 42 Crawford St, SPALDING

Management Category
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PLACE INFORMATION		
Place Name:	House, 42 Crawford St	
Previous Place Number:	GN86	
Other Names:		
Place Type:	Individual Building or Group	
SITE LOCATION		
Street Address:	42 Crawford Street	
Locality:	SPALDING	
Location Detail:		
Assessment No:	13574	
Survey:	Lot 36, D037190	
Reserve:		
GPS Coordinates	6818008mN; 268679mE	
HERITAGE LISTING		
State Heritage Office ID:	13341	Parent HCWA ID (if applied):
State Heritage Register:	No	
Other Listing:		
Local Heritage Survey:	Municipal Heritage Inventory Initial Assessment 06/11/1996 Municipal Heritage Inventory Last Assessment 27/10/2009	

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 place has aesthetic value as a demonstration of a simple workers cottage from the Inter War period. - The place is rare as an example of this simple type of cottage in the suburbs of Geraldton - The place has historic value for its association with market gardening, in particular tomato growing, which was an important industry in Geraldton from the 1930s. - 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	1930s;
Walls	Fibro cement sheeting
Roof	Metaldeck
Architectural Style	Vernacular
Physical Description	This small timber framed cottage clad with fibre cement sheeting has a gable roof clad with metal deck sheeting. A broken back skillion roof is located across the rear and creates the verandah roof to the front. The front verandah is enclosed as is the rear addition. Windows are aluminium framed. Invasive vegetation has overgrown the cottage and the site making viewing the entire place difficult.
Condition	Poor
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
This area of Spalding was developed as market gardens, predominantly tomatoes in the 1920s and 1930s. By 1923, 150 to 200 acres between Bluff Point and the Chapman River were under cultivation with migrants establishing the first gardens in the district. Chinese, Japanese and Afghan gardeners grew vegetables which they sold to the town residents. Gradually some local residents took up larger parcels of land for and brought in workers to work the land. Italian and Greek migrants, together with migrants from eastern Europe first worked for others and then established their own farms. This area was referred to as East Geraldton and a Progress Association was active in the 1920s. Tomatoes were a successful and popular crop that became closely associated with Geraldton. This house is visible in a 1952 aerial photograph of the site and it is one of the few residences in this cultivated area. No detail has been found to determine the original owner or occupant of this property. By the 1970s, this area was largely subdivided for residential development with only a few areas under cultivation.	

Historic Themes:	Peopling WA: Demographic Development Economy: Rural Occupations Economy: Workers and Working.
Associations	
Sources:	City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places 2019. Landgate aerial photographs, 1952-2025. Geraldton Guardian, 5 august 1924, p. 2.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



PREVIOUS HERITAGE SURVEYS



Municipal Heritage Inventory, 1996



Municipal Heritage Inventory 2007

Place No:
House, 70 Mitchell St, SPALDING

Management Category
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PLACE INFORMATION		
Place Name:	House, 70 Mitchell St	
Previous Place Number:	GN323	
Other Names:		
Place Type:	Individual Building or Group	
SITE LOCATION		
Street Address:	70 Mitchell Street	
Locality:	SPALDING	
Location Detail:	South west corner of Mitchell and Robinson Streets	
Assessment No:	13375	
Survey:	Lot 55, D050142	
Reserve:		
GPS Coordinates	6818307mN; 268476mE	
HERITAGE LISTING		
State Heritage Office ID:	13717	Parent HCWA ID (if applied):
State Heritage Register:	No	
Other Listing:		
Local Heritage Survey:	Municipal Heritage Inventory Initial Assessment 06/11/1996 Municipal Heritage Inventory Last Assessment 10/03/2010	

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 place has aesthetic value as a demonstration of a workers cottage from the Inter War period which demonstrates the Inter War California Bungalow style. - The place is rare as an example of this simple type of cottage in the suburbs of Geraldton - The place has historic value for its association with market gardening, in particular tomato growing, which was an important industry in Geraldton from the 1930s. - The place has social value for its contribution to the community sense of place.

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Other Use	

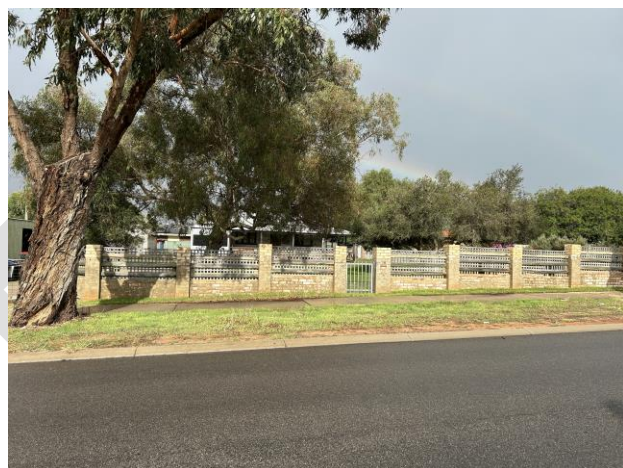
CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction Date	1920s;
Walls	Corrugated sheet metal
Roof	Corrugated sheet metal
Architectural Style	Vernacular
Physical Description	This building has elements of the Inter War California Bungalow style with its deep, shady verandah and its simple forms and lack of ornamentation. This timber framed CGI clad house is deeply setback from the street and has a hipped corrugated iron roof which extends to cover surrounding verandahs that continue from the front to the west side of the house. The verandahs are supported on timber posts with crossed timber balustrades in between. There is a recent addition that interrupts the verandah on the east side of the façade.
Condition	Good
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	High

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PREVIOUS HERITAGE SURVEYS



Municipal Heritage Inventory, 1996



Municipal Heritage Inventory 2007

Place No:
Railway Bridge (fmr), Chapman River,
SPALDING

Management Category
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PLACE INFORMATION	
Place Name:	Railway Bridge (fmr), Chapman River
Previous Place Number:	GN333
Other Names:	Pedestrian Bridge Bridge No. 9077
Place Type:	Other Built Types
SITE LOCATION	
Street Address:	North West Coastal Hwy
Locality:	SPALDING
Location Detail:	Adjacent to North West Coastal Hwy
Assessment No:	
Survey:	
Reserve:	Private Road
GPS Coordinates	6819818mN; 268536mE

HERITAGE LISTING		
State Heritage Office ID:	13726	Parent HCWA ID (if applied):
State Heritage Register:	No	
Other Listing:		
Local Heritage Survey:	Municipal Heritage Inventory Initial Assessment 06/11/1996 Municipal Heritage Inventory Last Assessment 10/03/2010	

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 former railway bridge has aesthetic value as a simple structure in natural landscape that is a good vantage point for viewing the river and surrounds. - The former railway bridge has historic value for its association with the provision of rail services from Geraldton since 1879 to support rural industries. - The bridge has historic value for its demonstration of the role of the government in fostering expansion in the 1920s. - The remains of the foundations of the first bridge located adjacent to the current footbridge have historic value for their association with the provision of rail services north of Geraldton from 1879. - The bridge has social value as it is regularly used by the community to access the adjacent Spalding Park which is regularly used for passive recreation. - The bridge has social value for its contribution to the community sense of place.

PLACE USE	
Original Use	Transport/Communications: Rail - Housing or Quarters
Current Use	Transport/Communications: Road - Bridge
Other Use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction Date	1922; 2010;
Walls	(Pylons) Concrete
Roof	N/A
Architectural Style	N/A
Physical Description	This narrow bridge is set high above the Chapman River on tall concrete piers. The bridge has three steel truss girders with a timber deck. To each corner there is a capped concrete abutment, and the midstream piers are also concrete. The bridge has a steel mesh fence balustrade and is currently open to pedestrian traffic. The remnants of the original timber railway bridge are visible immediately to the west of this bridge, downstream of this structure, with the current North West Coastal Highway bridge just upstream. In July-August 2010 a concrete decking was poured over the timber deck.
Condition	Good
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	Low

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Opened in 1879, the first railway bridge over the Chapman River formed part of the first Government railway in the State and provided for direct access between the Northampton Mineral Field and the port of Geraldton. This timber bridge was located to the west of the existing bridge and in 1919 it was condemned as unsafe.

Construction of a new bridge by the State Government began in 1920 at an estimated cost of £4000. Although the date 1917 is cast into the steel supports, the WA Commissioners Report advises that the structure was completed in March 1922. The old bridge remained until 1924 when it was demolished.

Constance Norris describes in her 1989 memoir that the railway bridge had: "two tiny places either side for those foolish enough to be on it when a train was coming."

Those 'tiny places' were in fact refuges used by the railway fettlers working on the line and also from time to time unlawfully by local residents and fishermen.

The railway line was closed in April 1957, prior to which this bridge carried trains bound for Northampton, Ajana and Yuna. In the last months of the line's operation, three trains a week rumbled over the bridge on the way to Yuna, as well as two a week to Ajana and another only going as far as Northampton.

In those last days of operation this steel bridge carried diesel locomotives (from 1955) as well as traditional steam engines. The railway bridge was retained after the line closed in 1957 for use as a footbridge.

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Historic Themes:

Infrastructure: Transport and Communications
Cultural Life: Recreation - Sport
Economy: Rural Occupations.

Associations

Sources:

City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places 2019.
Norris, C., "Memories of Champion Bay or Old Geraldton", Soroptimist International of Geraldton, 1989.
Interpretation Panel alongside the bridge by the City of Greater Geraldton.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



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Municipal Heritage Inventory, 1996



Municipal Heritage Inventory 2007

Place No:
Spalding Park, SPALDING

Management Category
3



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place Name:	Spalding Park
Previous Place Number:	GN332
Other Names:	Chapman River Regional Park
Place Type:	Urban Open Space

SITE LOCATION	
Street Address:	Chapman Road
Locality:	SPALDING
Location Detail:	
Assessment No:	12364
Survey:	Lot 3203, P030930
Reserve:	17001
GPS Coordinates	6819645mN; 268364mE

HERITAGE LISTING		
State Heritage Office ID:	13725	Parent HCWA ID (if applied):
State Heritage Register:	No	
Other Listing:		
Local Heritage Survey:	Municipal Heritage Inventory Initial Assessment 06/11/1996 Municipal Heritage Inventory Last Assessment 10/03/2010	

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	- Spalding Park has aesthetic value as a landscaped green space with play equipment in contrast to the adjacent suburban developments, bushland and the Chapman River. - Spalding Park has historic value for its association with the confidence in the future of the district expressed in the late 19th century which lead to the designation of 500 acres for a Public Park. - The place has historic value for its association with Mayor Henry Spalding who was the instigator of the creation of the park. - The park has social value for the community as it has been the venue for the many formal and informal sporting events and social occasions.

PLACE USE	
Original Use	Park/Reserve
Current Use	Park/Reserve
Other Use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction Date	1891; 1959; 2006;
Walls	N/A
Roof	N/A
Architectural Style	N/A
Physical Description	The park extends south from the Chapman River and between the old and new North West Coastal Highways. The area close to the river is grassed and has had trees planted around a formalised entry and parking area. To the south there is large area containing assorted play equipment and a miniature railway.
Condition	N/A
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
On May 4, 1891 the Mayor, Henry A. Spalding, proposed that the Commissioner of Crown Lands be applied to for a grant of land on each side of the Chapman River, reaching the Town Boundary and containing about 400 acres for the purpose of a Public Park. His Excellency the Commissioner agreed to the formation of a Reserve and three months later, on 28 July, 1891, Reserve No. 1858 was gazetted for the purpose of a Public Park. Approximately 500 acres (approximately 200 hectares) of uncleared land were granted by the Government of Western Australia. The park was called Spalding Park in honour of the Mayor, Henry A. Spalding, who had been the prime instigator in obtaining the land. Over the years the park was reduced in size when land was required for public purposes, roads and railways. Reserve 17001 now forms the present day Spalding Park. It has also been broken up and either used or vested for other purposes, including residential development on the west of the park, educational purposes, a potential gaol site, market gardening, sporting fields, gravel and loam pits and an explosives site. Once the park had been established Council began raising money to develop it. However, substantial development did not occur until 1959 when the Victoria Districts Branch of the Tree Society proposed	

beautification of the park. At this time the grassed areas and playgrounds were laid out and other recreational uses of the park were implemented, such as golf courses, playing fields and tennis courts. On 5 March 2006 the miniature railway opened within the park.

Historic Themes:	Peopling WA: Demographic Development Cultural Life: Recreation - Sport Governing: Government and Politics.	
Associations	Mayor Henry Spalding	Origin of name
Sources:	City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2019. Landgate aerial photographs, 1952-2025.	

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Municipal Heritage Inventory, 1996



Municipal Heritage Inventory 2007