

Place No:
Wandina Station Homestead Group,
NUNIERRA

Management Category
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PLACE INFORMATION	
Place Name:	Wandina Station Homestead Group
Previous Place Number:	MW56
Other Names:	Lot 11802 Carnarvon-Mullewa Road
Place Type:	Individual Building or Group

SITE LOCATION	
Street Address:	469 Wandina Road
Locality:	NUNIERRA
Location Detail:	Approx. 4.5km west of Carnarvon-Mullewa Road
Assessment No:	1042
Survey:	Lot 11802, P026343
Reserve:	
GPS Coordinates	6903587.76mN; 365396.51mE

HERITAGE LISTING		
State Heritage Office ID:	1667	Parent HCWA ID (if applied):
State Heritage Register:	No	
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	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 Wandina Station Homestead Group has historic value for its association with the establishment and development of the pastoral industry in the region. - The place has aesthetic value as a demonstration of the evolution of this station and the evolution of standards of accommodation at remote stations from the 19th to the 20th centuries. - The second homestead has aesthetic value as a simple intact example of the Federation Bungalow style executed in the local stone, while the use of ant bed mortar reflects the resourcefulness of local residents in terms of sourcing local materials for construction. - The place has historic value as the buildings demonstrate the changes in economic fortune experienced by the pastoral industry and how this depicted in the standard and scale of construction.

PLACE USE	
Original Use	Farming/Pastoral: Homestead
Current Use	Farming/Pastoral: Homestead
Other Use	Commercial: Hotel, Tavern or Inn

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction Date	c1880; 1923
Walls	Stone, CGI
Roof	CGI
Architectural Style	Vernacular: Federation Bungalow
Physical Description	Located approximately 70 kilometres north of Mullewa on the west side of the Mullewa-Carnarvon Road, the Wandina Station Homestead Group comprises a c1880 homestead, the 1923 homestead, and various related outbuildings. The c1880 homestead is a timber framed and corrugated iron clad building located immediately to the north east of the current homestead. It has a double gabled steeply pitched roof with a separate shallow pitched surrounding verandah roof which is supported on bush timber posts. Internally the original timber flooring has been replaced with concrete. There is a metal chimney to the west facade and, according to the owner, an underground cellar. Old relics are on display under the verandah. The current (1923) Homestead is of local stone and ant hill mortar construction and is set in a fenced and lawned garden. The hipped corrugated iron roof has gables to the north and south and extends at the same pitch to cover surrounding verandahs supported on painted bush timber posts. The verandah is partly enclosed to the south to facilitate additional living space. A tall rendered chimney punctuates the southern roofscape. Windows are timber framed and double hung.
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The landholding which is known as Wandina was allocated in the late 19th century for pastoral use. The origin of the name 'Wandina' is not known however Landgate state that it was sourced from traditional owners.

Previous research has found that the first homestead on the property was constructed at a site near the present day shearing shed. No evidence remains of this building.

The second homestead, the timber and corrugated iron clad building which is still extant, is believed to have been built in the c1880s.

The owners of the property in the later 19th century have not been determined, however by 1910 Messrs Brown and Leeds were designated as the owners and they were running sheep on the property. The occupants and managers of the property are not known but it is common practice for the owners to not live permanently on site.

In 1921, a discovery of gold on the property lead to some interest, but Inspector Crabb of the Mines Department stated 'he did not think it advisable for men to rush to the locality'.

In February 1922, the property was offered for sale following the dissolution of a partnership between Messrs Steere and Leeds. The advertising for the forthcoming sale described the property as including;

*the homestead comprises a 3-roomed Wood and Iron House with detached kitchen and store.
Outbuildings are chaff-room, motor hous, blacksmith's shop and ... Shearing Shed and Shearing Quarters.*

The new owner of the property Frank Colin Craig (1889-1951) was responsible for the construction of the current homestead in 1923. This is confirmed through the diaries of Sir Edward Wittenoom MLC for the North Province who undertook a tour of his electorate and noted that the owners of Wandina Station were building 'a fine stone house' which he considered was 'badly required' which he estimated would cost £2000. No details of the architect or builder have been found in this research. The construction of the new homestead may have been a function of the marriage of Captain Craig who served during WWI in 1919 to Constance Jean Birdwood (1895-1975) the daughter of celebrated military leader General Birdwood.

In 1926, Captain Craig, sold the property to Messrs Stokes and Ramsden of Victoria.

In 1933, the station comprising 215,000 acres was sold to Edwin Leslie Lukin and the place was described as having a large homestead and carrying 8000 sheep. Sadly Lukin died in 1938 aged 45 and the property remained in the hands of the estate for many years.

The place has continued to operate as a pastoral property and subsequently passed into the ownership of the state government.

The property continues to be operated as a working station and the 1923 homestead is used for seasonal tourist accommodation.

Historic Themes:	Economy: Rural Occupations Peopling WA: Demographic Development Economy: Commerce.	
Associations	Lukin family Craig family Brown and Leeds Stokes and Ramsden	Owners and occupants Owners and occupants Owners Owners
Sources:	City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places 2019. The Western Mail, 21 April, 1921, p. 16; 28 September 1933, p. 34. The Mullewa Mail, 23 July 1938, p. 1. Geraldton Guardian, 2 Feb 1926, p. 2. Sunday Times, 12 Feb 1922, p. 12; 29 April 1923, p. 7. The West Australian, 22 Nov 1910, p. 2.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



PREVIOUS HERITAGE SURVEYS



Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2011



Municipal Heritage Inventory 2011