



City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 175	Category: 4
Assessment Date: 09/12/1997	Last Revision Date: 24/02/2015	
HCWA Number: 13940	Asset ID: MCH127022	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Woorree Homestead
Other Names:	off Place Road (north side)
Type of Place:	Homestead
Address:	off Place Road (north side)
Suburb:	Moresby

LOCATION

Map Reference: 18.17	GPS Northing: 6817091.00	GPS Easting: 271586.000
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Photo Description:

22/03/2005

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View of Woorree Homestead

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	CG 1076	Assess No.:	68057
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Residence		
Current Use:	Residence		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	No	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Limestone	Roof:	Tile
Condition:	Not applicable	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

The present house was built in 1950 on the site of the original homestead and using some of the original materials. The current homestead is a large building located in established gardens. Built of rendered stone, the house is of one storey and two storey height with a tiled roof. The two storey section features arches to the verandah and balcony.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1870	Source:	Homesteads Book
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	Not available		

Although it is claimed that Woorree was established by Dr Foley, there is some doubt about this with Mr H. du Boulay suggested as the correct person to attribute it to. Location 1076 on which the Woorree Homestead was built was taken up in the 1850s and has been owned by Mr du Boulay, a local solicitor, and later by Mr Hans Irving. The original Woorree Homestead is thought to have been built in c1870s. The Rowan family moved from New South Wales to Woorree in 1913. The current homestead was constructed in 1950 on the site of the deteriorated original homestead, using some of the same materials as well as stone from Moonyoonooka. John Rowan engaged an Italian builder to work on the house. Mr Rowan pioneered the export of sheep and cattle to Saudi Arabia in the late 1960s. In 1980 the homestead was reroofed. The palms

in front of the house were planted by Mrs Rowan Snr soon after moving into Woorree. 'Woorree' means a friendly spirit in the local Aboriginal language.

(Sources: Geraldton Camera Club, "Homesteads of the MidWest Region of Western Australia", 1997, Stan Gratte & John Rowan)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	100 Demographic settlement and mobility 301 Grazing, pastoralism and dairying 605 Famous and infamous people
AHC:	8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements 3.5 Developing primary production 3.15 Developing economic links outside Australia

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Woorree has considerable historic significance as one of the earliest properties to be taken up on the Chapman River and for its association with Dr Foley, H. du Boulay and the Rowan family for over eighty years. Situated in a picturesque location, the current homestead bares little resemblance to the original homestead although it incorporates some of the construction materials.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	4
Level of Significance:	SOME SIGNIFICANCE: Contributes to the heritage and/or historical development of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is desirable. Any proposed change to the place should be in sympathy with the heritage values of the place.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:

Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own" 1996, pp. 90, 261.

Geraldton Camera Club, "Homesteads of the MidWest Region of Western Australia", 1997.

HCWA Database No. 13940.

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos