



City of Greater Geraldton
Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places
Place Record

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 308	Category: 5
Assessment Date: 05/12/1996	Last Revision Date: 15/02/2010	
HCWA Number: 13467	Asset ID: MCH127056	

PLACE DETAILS

Name: Site of the Esplanade Jetty
Other Names:

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	CG 80	Assess No.:	63162
Reserv No.:	50100	Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Jetty		
Current Use:	Site		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	No	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Not applicable	Roof:	Not applicable
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

Site only of a cottage and well.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1858	Source:	Joy Clinch
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

This has been the site of two jetties. The original jetty was built in 1858 but was destroyed by a cyclone in 1872 and was subsequently rebuilt. (Source: Stan Gratte) Construction on the new jetty at Durlacher Street commenced in 1893. In January 1931, the new port area opened west of Francis Street rendering the old jetties of the town redundant. ("Geraldton: a photographic history")

When the Government ceded the Esplanade Jetty to the local Council, the latter built a pavilion at the wharf's farthest end which was used by the town's bands for concerts. A portion of the Esplanade Jetty was removed during the Second World War in case of invasion. In 1944, despite an outcry from some sections of the public, tenders were called for the sale and removal of the Esplanade Jetty. The contract was obtained by TL Jones and HG. Campbell for £1. (Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996, p198, 244, 267)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	201 River and sea transport 300 Occupations
AHC:	3.8.1 Shipping to and from Australian ports

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of the Esplanade Jetty has historic significance for its connection to the early maritime transport activities of Geraldton. Furthermore, the jetty was a major social and recreational spot for locals and visitors.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 5
Level of Significance: HISTORIC SITE: The site has historic significance
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OTHER PHOTOS
No other photos