



City of Greater Geraldton  
Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places  
Place Record

Area: Greenough  
Assessment D

Place Number: 162    Category: 1

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### SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 130	Assess No.:	61099
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

### USE OF PLACE

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

### DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Stone	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Fair	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

Koogerena is a large single storey homestead set amongst an oasis of palm trees which have taken over and multiplied to an extraordinary amount on the permanent ground water supply surrounding the house.

Built at a later time than Yanget (Place No. 164) and Newmaracarra (Place No. 156), these homesteads could well have been the inspiration for Koogerena. The character of the place is late Federation Free Style with influences of Arts and Crafts or Art Nouveau featuring in decorative elements of leadlight glass, verandah timber fretwork detailing and the rough cast rendering of chimneys and half timbered gable ends. The walls are of a dark lo

## HISTORY

Construction Date:	1911	Source:	Conservation Plan
Architect:	Jack Leamonth Ochiltree		
Builder:	Mr Huckle?		

In 1893 Lionel Sydney Davis and his brother-in-law, Joscelyn Beverley Percy inherited Tibbradden from Lionel's father John Sydney Davis. In 1910 the partnership split with J.B. Percy taking Tibbradden and L.S. Davis taking the area known as Koogereena, consisting of approximately 6,000 acres. Lionel Davis was a Mining Warden and Magistrate from the Broad Arrow goldfields. Construction of the homestead commenced in 1911. It consisted of a school room, three bedrooms, dressing room, billiard room, lounge, dining room, kitchen and store room. Due to financial constraints, the house was never fully completed according to the plans. There was a plentiful supply of water from the nearby natural spring.

Koogereena was purchased by W.V. Sewell of Sandsprings (Place No. 166) in 1927 and became the residence of his son, R.V. Sewell. Ownership was transferred to Reg in 1948. In 1976 almost half of the property was purchased by the Clune family of Newmaracarra (Place No. 156) and the remaining 3,500 acres, including the homestead, were purchased by Paddy and Lenore Thomas. In the following years further subdivision of land from Koogereena has occurred.

Interesting descriptions of the house and property, under the name 'Andarra', can be found in Randolph Stow's 'Meny-G o-Round in the Sea'. (Source: Geraldton Camera Club, "Homesteads of the Mid West Region of Western Australia", 1997 & Eastman Poletti Sherwood Architects & Gary Martin, Historian, "Koogereena Homestead Conservation Plan" 2004)

further significance for its connection to author Randolph Stow's "Merry-Go-Round in the Sea". The place forms an essential part of the built heritage of the Greenough district.

### MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	1
Level of Significance:	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	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.

### OTHER LISTINGS

Heritage Council of WA - Register, 01/01/1970

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

<p><b>Bibliography:</b> Geraldton Camera Club, "Homesteads of the Mid West Region of Western Australia", 1997. HC WA Database No. 13930. Eastman Poletti Sherwood Architects &amp; Gary Martin, Historian, "Koogereena Homestead Conservation Plan", 2004.</p> <p><b>Photographs:</b> GHS7640 garden (1920s), GHS7641 homestead (1920s), GHS7642 driveway (1920s), GHS7643 homestead (1920s), GHS7644 tennis court (1920s), GHS7645 front entrance (1920s).</p>
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### OTHER PHOTOS

Photo Description:  
12/05/2004  
Henkel  
East elevation of Koogereena Homestead