

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 102	Category: 5
Assessment Date: 25/10/1996	Last Revision Date: 28/10/2009	
HCWA Number: 4228	Asset ID: MCH126558	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Site of Railway Jetty and Viaduct
Other Names:	Foreshore at western end of Durlacher Street
Type of Place:	Site
Address:	Foreshore at western end of Durlacher Street
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference: 15.15	GPS Northing: 6814927.00	GPS Easting: 266630.000
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Photo Description:
1/01/1952

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Aerial view showing Railway Jetty and Viaduct.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 1009	Assess No.:	10002
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:	Garage extension and dormer window to roof		

This house has a gambrel roof with double gablets to one end, and a dormer window to the front and centre. A separate verandah roof is supported on half twin timber verandah posts supported on masonry piers with a rendered masonry balustrade between them. An arched verandah frieze joins to the verandah posts. The windows are timber framed casement style. The house has been extended to the west in identical style to the original with double french doors to the new section. There is a garage under the main roof to the east.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1893	Source:	
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Public Works Department		

In 1893, this 756 foot long jetty was constructed in association with the completion of the new (second) railway station adjacent to it on the foreshore. In 1915, the railway station and yards were shifted to Chapman Road but the jetty still remained the key one in the port. In 1916, an extension of the jetty was commenced on the southwestern side and although work ceased temporarily, it was eventually extended as a long viaduct in 1923 to enable stone to be dumped for the new harbour works beyond Francis Street. Railway wagons were pushed onto this long viaduct which ran parallel to the foreshore beyond the Esplanade Jetty,

the structure being a significant one indeed. In January 1931, the new port area west of Francis Street opened and the Railway Jetty lost its significance as the key facility for the port. By 1952, the Railway Jetty was partially removed and derelict and has since been entirely removed. At its maximum extent the jetty was a kilometre long, with additional extensions constructed in both 1902 and 1909. (Sources: "Geraldton: a photographic history", pp.156-9 and "Geraldton's Historical Jetties".)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	201 River and sea transport 202 Rail and light rail transport
AHC:	3.8.3 Developing harbour facilities 3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Railway Jetty was the main jetty for the port at Geraldton and the wider region until 1931 and thus had significance for the development of the port and for sea transport for the region.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	5
Level of Significance:	HISTORIC SITE: The site has historic significance for its previous use and its role in the historical development of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Proposed development may need to have regard to possible archaeological evidence remaining on the site. Recognise and interpret the site if feasible. This may be achieved through a variety of methods including, but not limited to, signage, public art, paving treatment and landscaping as well as design treatment of any new development which reflects the former use of the site.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

"Geraldton: a photographic history", Geraldton Regional Library, 2004.
GLLSPC - Jetties.
"Geraldton's Historical Jetties", by the Local Studies Unit.

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

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The viaduct extension from the Railway Jetty is in the foreground.



Photo Description:

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The approach to the Railway Jetty at the end of Durlacher Street.

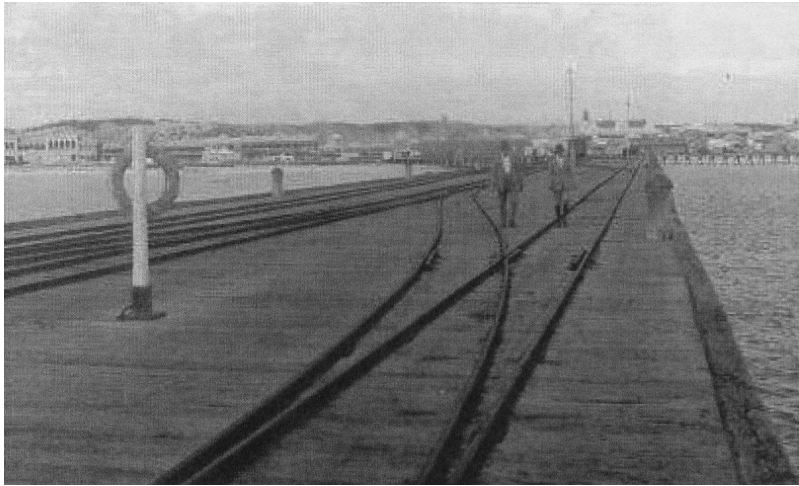


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View back to shore from Railway Jetty, Courthouse at left.