

<b>Area:</b> Geraldton	<b>Place Number:</b> 108	<b>Category:</b> 6
<b>Assessment Date:</b> 08/12/1996	<b>Last Revision Date:</b> 28/10/2009	
<b>HCWA Number:</b> 13359	<b>Asset ID:</b> MCH126573	

### PLACE DETAILS

<b>Name:</b>	Site
<b>Other Names:</b>	Midland Railway Road Services Depot
<b>Type of Place:</b>	Site
<b>Address:</b>	89 Durlacher Street
<b>Suburb:</b>	Geraldton

### LOCATION

<b>Map Reference:</b> 15.15	<b>GPS Northing:</b> 6814556.00	<b>GPS Easting:</b> 267145.000
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### Photo Description:

## SITE DETAILS

<b>Lot No.:</b>	Lot 4	<b>Assess No.:</b>	16038
<b>Reserv No.:</b>		<b>Vol/Fol:</b>	
<b>Dia/Plan:</b>			

## USE OF PLACE

<b>Original Use:</b>	Depot		
<b>Current Use:</b>	Not Applicable		
<b>Ownership:</b>			
<b>Public Access:</b>	No	<b>Occupied:</b>	Not Occupied

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Walls:</b>	Brick (Rendered)	<b>Roof:</b>	Asbestos
<b>Condition:</b>	Good	<b>Integrity:</b>	
<b>Original fabric:</b>			
<b>Modifications:</b>			

The building was demolished. This description is from the 1997 Municipal Inventory: This simple warehouse is of rendered brick construction with a skillion asbestos roof and a plain parapet which features the faint Midland Railway Road Service logo. The loading dock to the front features three roller doors which have replaced the original. A suspended metal verandah covers the loading dock. There is a small corrugated iron lean-to to the rear. Adjacent is a large brick garage with the same logo on the gable end.

## HISTORY

<b>Construction Date:</b>	1948	<b>Source:</b>	GLLSC
<b>Architect:</b>	Unknown		
<b>Builder:</b>	Unknown		

This is the site of an old, two-storey stone Brewery which was demolished to make way for the Midland Railway Depot. (Source: Stan Gratte) The Midland Railway Company introduced the first road passenger service from Perth to Moora on 14 October, 1946. This was later extended to Geraldton on 26 November, the same year. By 1948 road coach services offered six return trips between Perth and Geraldton weekly. Rates records reveal that in 1948 a shed and garage were part constructed on the site. On 1 October, 1949 the records indicate that a garage and storeroom were located there while on 8 February, 1950 the

site is recorded as the Midland Railway Bus Company of WA Pty Ltd Depot. The Depot was mainly used as a base to transport garden produce etc by road to Perth. It was later used as the Geraldton Fruit and Vegetable Distributors.

### HISTORIC THEMES

**HCWA:** 203 Road transport  
**AHC:** 3.8.5 Moving goods and people on land

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former Midland Railway Road Service depot had some historic significance for its association with the development of road transport between Geraldton and Perth.

### MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

**Management Category:** 6  
**Level of Significance:** MUNICIPAL INVENTORY ARCHIVE: Place was previously included in the Municipal Inventory but has been removed due to demolition or diminished heritage significance.  
**Management Recommendation:** The place does not form part of the relevant local Town Planning Scheme Heritage List. This category is for record keeping purposes only.

### OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos