

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 178	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 14/10/1996	Last Revision Date: 19/11/2009	
HCWA Number: 13275	Asset ID: MCH126846	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Office
Other Names:	18 Francis Street
Type of Place:	Office
Address:	18 Francis Street
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference: 14.15	GPS Northing: 6814238.00	GPS Easting: 266044.000
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Photo Description:

16/01/2008

Rod Milne

Large former house set in spacious grounds.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 1	Assess No.:	20382
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

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

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Rendered Masonry	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Not applicable	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:	One chimney removed		

This large rendered masonry house has a corrugated iron gambrel roof with arched bargeboards to the two timber louvered gables. A smaller separate gambrel roof to the south east replicates the main roof. A separate hipped verandah roof to the north and east elevation is supported on metal verandah posts. There are two tall rendered masonry chimneys (formerly three) with exposed brick corbelling and terracotta chimney pots to the north east and north west of the main roof. Windows are timber framed and double hung with a french door to the east verandah.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1890	Source:	C. Norris
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

Built to house the Geraldton police inspector around the c1890s, this was the residence of Police Inspector Simpson at one time. (Sources: M. Cobby & Norris, C., "Memories of Champion Bay or Old Geraldton", p79)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	104 Land allocation and subdivision 403 Law and order
AHC:	4.1.2 Making suburbs 7.6.3 Policing Australia

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This former house, now office, has considerable aesthetic significance given its large scale, high integrity and built features such as the tall corbelled chimneys, unusual gables, timber windows and wrap around verandah. The place makes an important contribution to the built environment of the locale.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	2
Level of Significance:	CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is highly recommended. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the heritage values of the place and should retain significant fabric wherever feasible.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Norris, C., "Memories of Champion Bay or Old Geraldton", Soroptimist International, 1989.

OTHER PHOTOS



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Suba & Grundy

Chimney to left since removed.