

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 187	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 14/10/1996	Last Revision Date: 24/11/2009	
HCWA Number: 13284	Asset ID: MCH126893	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	House
Other Names:	53 Francis Street
Type of Place:	House
Address:	53 Francis Street
Suburb:	Beachlands

LOCATION

Map Reference: 14.14	GPS Northing: 6813955.00	GPS Easting: 266172.000
	GPS Northing: 0000	GPS Easting: 000



Photo Description:
29/10/2007

Rod Milne
House set back from Francis Street.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 2	Assess No.:	10938
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

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

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Brick	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:	Partial verandah enclosure		

This large house has a gambrel corrugated iron roof with two separate gables to the front (west) and south elevations. The front gable has fibro and batten infill to the gable end and extends to form a bay. The eaves of the gable each side of the bay are supported on timber consoles. The main roof extends to cover verandahs to the front and south sides of the house. The verandah roof is supported on double Tuscan columns on masonry piers with a rendered masonry balustrade. The south west corner of the verandah has been enclosed with timber windows above the balustrade. The face brickwork is tuckpointed with rendered bands immediately below the eaves and to window head and sill height. There is an arched concrete lintel to the bay window which has an arched triple transom light with central fixed and lateral casement windows below. There are two rendered brick corbelled chimneys to the main roof north and south. Entry to the verandah is via six concrete steps with a low balustrade to each side. The front boundary has a low rendered masonry wall which curves from the street to form the entry via a low metal gate.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1920	Source:	Shirley Scotter
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

This house was built in the c1920s by Sydney Fong, well known

businessman in Geraldton. (Sources: Margaret Cobley & Shirley Scotter)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 104 Land allocation and subdivision
605 Famous and infamous people
AHC: 4.1.2 Making suburbs
3.5 Developing primary production

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house has historic significance for its connection with the Fong family. The place has aesthetic appeal given that many of the original decorative features such as the verandah supports, face brickwork with rendered banding and corbelled chimneys have been retained. As such the house makes a high contribution to the streetscape of the area.

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

Shire of Greenough - Town Planning Scheme (23), 01/01/1970
National Trust of WA - Recorded, 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:
Feilman, M., "Greenough Historical Survey of the Front Flats", 1977 (23).
Suba, T., "The Greenough Front Flats Bibliography of Local Sources and Table of Heritage Places", 1994.

OTHER PHOTOS



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View from Francis Street.