

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 160	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 22/09/1997	Last Revision Date: 09/03/2005	
HCWA Number: 13929	Asset ID: MCH126970	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Windarra
Other Names:	Moonyoonooka
Type of Place:	Homestead
Address:	Glengarry Road (west side)
Suburb:	Moonyoonooka

LOCATION

Map Reference: BE 43 5.3	GPS Northing: 6814172.00	GPS Easting: 280941.000
	GPS Northing: 0000	GPS Easting: 000



Photo Description:

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Two storey homestead, front elevation

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 11	Assess No.:	61307
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

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

DESCRIPTION

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

Windarra Homestead is of an unusual design with the two storey residence physically adjoining the voluminous shearing shed which is still in use today. The relationship of the two stone buildings reflects more of a European model where homes were attached to barns for convenience and protection during long cold winters. However, this is probably unintentional and it seems more likely that for convenience or economics, the residence was incorporated into an existing two storey wing of a larger woolshed or barn structure leaving just the current shearing shed component as the only original element.

The simple layout of the residence and shearing shed buildings forms an 'L' shape in plan. The overall design and finishes are very simple and with little decoration. The buildings are partly lime washed and the roof is corrugated iron extending over the two storey balcony and verandah at the front of the house. The house has benefited from almost continuous occupation, is well cared for and in good condition.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1863	Source:	Owner Knowledge
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	Not available		

The land encompassing Moonyoonooka, Newmarracarra and Glengarry

was taken up by Mr Thomas Brown in 1852. Brown, who was briefly the Resident Magistrate for the Champion Bay district, was a keen horse breeder and used his properties as horse stations. Following his death in 1863, Brown's sons, Ken and Maitland Brown, took over the substantial pastoral leases and continued to build on the successful horse trade business, particularly with India. In 1882 the properties were acquired by wealthy pastoralist, Mr J.P. McKenzie Grant. When Mr Grant died in 1897 the property was divided between his four sons. Walter McKenzie Grant took up Newmarracarra [Place No. 156], David Edgar Grant inherited Moonyoonooka, John Gordon Grant gained Glengarry [Place No. 165], and Alec Edgar Grant became the owner of Yanget. [Place No. 164] The Moonyoonooka station wool and shearing shed, built in 1863, was partly converted to become the homestead. The building originally had a shingle roof and housed an 8-stand shearing facility. The name of the homestead was later changed to Windarra. In the 1870s the shearing shed was also used as the collection point for wattle bark to be used in the tanning industry, however this industry was only shortlived because the amount of tannic acid recovered proved insufficient to make the venture profitable. A new eighteen room homestead was built by David Edgar Grant, however this building has been demolished. Following World War I David Edgar Grant sold half the property and continued working on the remaining land until his death in 1942. The property was owned by the Maslen family from the early 1970s, but has changed ownership in more recent years.

(Sources: Owner Knowledge, Geraldton Camera Club, "Homesteads of the MidWest Region of Western Australia", 1997 & Taylor, J., & Suba, T., "Conservation Plan for the Newmarracarra Homestead", 1996)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	100 Demographic settlement and mobility 301 Grazing, pastoralism and dairying 605 Famous and infamous people
AHC:	8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements 3.5 Developing primary production 3.5.1 Grazing stock

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Windarra is of high historic significance for its association with the Brown and Grant families, well known in the area, and as one of the early properties to be established in the district. The place has considerable aesthetic value for its unusual design and relationship of residence and farm building. The homestead illustrates an unusual adaptation of

buildings and has important associations with the early pastoral activities and personalities of the region. Windarra makes an important contribution to the heritage of Greenough.

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

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:
Rohan, P., & Wilson, H.H., "Geraldton Sketchbook", 1976, pp. 56-7.
Taylor, J., & Suba, T., "Conservation Plan for the Newmarracarra Homestead", 1996.
Geraldton Camera Club, "Homesteads of the MidWest Region of Western Australia", 1997.
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Additional photos inserted

OTHER PHOTOS



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front elevation (detail)