

Area: Mullewa	Place Number: 35	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 15/10/1996	Last Revision Date: 07/03/2012	
HCWA Number: 13400	Asset ID: MCH126612	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Mass Rock
Other Names:	Geraldton - Mt Magnet Road
Type of Place:	Outdoor Altar
Address:	Geraldton - Mt Magnet Road
Suburb:	Mullewa

LOCATION

Map Reference: 14.14	GPS Northing: 6813936.00	GPS Easting: 266459.000
	GPS Northing: 0000	GPS Easting: 000



Photo Description:

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Rock altar, timber cross and bicentennial plaque.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Loc 6934	Assess No.:	8508
Reserv No.:	17239 / 17241	Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Outdoor Altar	Occupied:	Not Occupied
Current Use:	Disused		
Ownership:	Unknown		
Public Access:	Yes		

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Fibro	Roof:	Zincalume
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Largely intact		
Modifications:	Walls reclad		

To the east of the Mullewa Townsite and the grain silos a rough gravel track leads to the north through bushland variously known as 'the common' or 'the Old Show Ground'. A low outcrop of natural rock rises above a gentle slope, with nearby gum trees and shrubs adding to the picturesque setting. Part of the rock ledge has been chiselled flat to serve as a table and altar. The outdoor altar is decorated with different coloured rocks set in cement, while a small timber cross stands on top of the rock outcrop. Immediately adjacent is a small rock plinth with a bicentennial heritage trail plaque.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1920	Source:	Heritage Trail
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

During his time in Mullewa, Father John Hawes used this simple outdoor altar to conduct Mass for the local Aboriginal people who felt uncomfortable attending the church in town.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	406 Religion 605 Famous and infamous people
AHC:	8.6.1 Worshipping together 8.6.4 Making places for worship

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mass Rock has considerable historic and social significance for its important role in the religious activities of the local Aboriginal people. Further the place has value for its close association with well known Priest-Architect Monsignor John Hawes. The picturesque and unique place is held in high esteem by the local community.

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 Mullewa - Town Planning Scheme, 15/08/1986

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Monsignor Hawes Heritage Trail (1988).

OTHER PHOTOS



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Picturesque natural setting for the outdoor altar.