

Area: Mullewa	Place Number: 51	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 10/02/1995	Last Revision Date: 16/03/2012	
HCWA Number: 1672	Asset ID: MCH127086	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	St Mary's Chapel - Christian Brothers' Agricultural School
Other Names:	Chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Type of Place:	Chapel
Address:	970 Kelly Road
Suburb:	Tardun

LOCATION

Map Reference: Geraldton N.E.	GPS Northing: 6824347.77 0000	GPS Easting: 384340.440 000
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St Mary's Chapel - west elevation showing window awnings.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 9642	Assess No.:	671
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	2170/791
Dia/Plan:	159498		

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Chapel		
Current Use:	Chapel		
Ownership:	The Trustees of the Christian Brothers		
Public Access:	No	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Brick (Rendered)	Roof:	Tiles
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Largely intact		
Modifications:			

St Mary's Chapel is situated to the south side of the Main Building and physically connected by a first floor walkway. The rendered brick building is in the Romanesque style, with a rounded apse, small low level transepts and sacristy. The main entrance faces north and has a light brickwork surround with the foundation stone located to the right side. The side walls have four intermediate pilasters between the parapet end walls. The vertical arched windows have stained glass, with a blue cross dominating each design, mostly obscured by the shade awnings. Internally the chapel has seating for 176 people and the choir gallery holds 60 persons. The sanctuary floor is terrazo and the body of the chapel features a parquetry timber floor. (Refer to the conservation plan for a detailed description of the building)

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1962	Source:	Foundation Stone
Architect:	P. Sinnicco		
Builder:	Sinnicco & Muchino		

Between 1930 and 1942 Chapel was conducted in one of the bungalows erected by the Brothers in the complex. Then, following the arrival of over 150 evacuees in 1942, the recently opened recreation hall was used as a Chapel. St Mary's Chapel was designed by P. Sinnicco and built by

Sinnicco and Muchino. Bishop F.X. Thomas, the newly consecrated Bishop of Geraldton, blessed and opened the Chapel on 18 August 1962. (Refer to the conservation plan for a detailed history of the building)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	406 Religion 404 Community services and utilities
AHC:	8.6 Worshipping 3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St Mary's Chapel is an integral part of the Christian Brothers' Agricultural School and has been the centre of religious life at the Tardun school since its opening in 1962. The building is a prominent feature of the southern elevation of the precinct and has landmark qualities owing to its elevated position and commanding views over the surrounding countryside.

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

Heritage Council of WA - Register, 20/10/2000

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

HCWA RHP Documentation (P1672); Monsignor Hawes Heritage Trail (1988); Taylor, J., "Conservation Plan for Christian Brothers' Agricultural School",

1999; Taylor, J., "Between Devotion and Design: The Architecture of John Cyril Hawes, 1876-1956", Nedlands: UWA Press 2000; Anson, P., "The Hermit of Cat Island", London: Burns & Oats, 1957; Evans, A.G., "The Conscious Stone", Melbourne: The Polding Press, 1984; Keeffe, B., "Eastward Ho: To Mullewa and The Murchison", Mullewa Shire Council, 1995; Barden, W.D., "Mullewa Through the Years 1861-1961", Mullewa Road Board, 1961.

OTHER PHOTOS



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St Mary's Chapel - east elevation showing link to Main Building at right.



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Foundation stone.