

City of Greater Geraldton
Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places
Place Record

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 47	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 29/10/1996	Last Revision Date: 02/10/2009	
HCWA Number: 1049	Asset ID: MCH126711	

PLACE DETAILS

Name: Birdwood House
Other Names: 46 Chapman Road, cnr For a

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 1118	Assess No.:	11714
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	RSL Hall	Occupied:	Occupied
Current Use:	RSL Hall		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Restricted		

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Brick	Roof:	Asbestos
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:	Additions to rear		

Birdwood House sits, in association with the War Memorial, at a prominent intersection in the town centre. It is a simple, rectangular brick building with a gable end covered with asbestos roof. The front facade has rendered mouldings, parapet and entablature supported on precast concrete columns forming a classical entry porch. The lower section of the front wall remains in un-rendered red brickwork as are the side walls except for rendered lintels over windows. The front facade provides a dignified entry and good mannered contribution to the streetscape in the style of the "Interwar Georgian Revival or Free Classical" period. There are some elements of "art deco" about the detailing in leadlight glass to the entry doors (and formerly the front windows now replaced with plane glass), internal cornices and ceiling decoration. The internal planning is relatively simple with administration, meeting rooms, and ladies "retiring room" at the front. Behind these is the large function room. Further extensions for kitchens, toilets and a museum room have been carried out at the rear.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1935	Source:	"Geraldton Guardian & Express"
Architect:	Tom Roberts		
Builder:	A.E. Crothers		

AHC:	603 Local heroes and battlers 7.7.3 Going to war 8.8 Remembering the fallen 8.9 Commemorating significant events and people
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Birdwood House has very high historic and social significance for the Geraldton community as the meeting place and focal point for the RSL and Anzac services. The building has high aesthetic significance for its

GILSCVF - G 1299A.

GILSPC - Buildings (Miscellaneous) & Geraldton (General).

"Pictorial Souvenir of Geraldton, WA".

OTHER PHOTOS

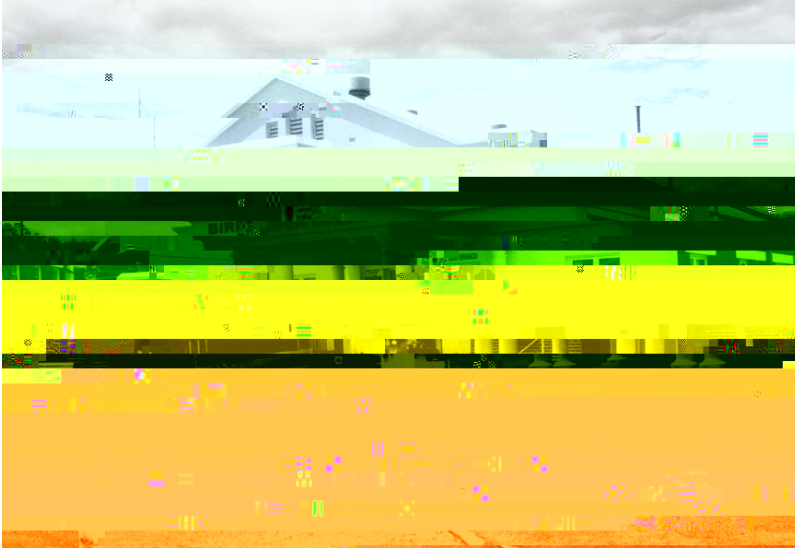


Photo Description:

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Suba, Callow & Grundy

View of the south and west elevations.