

Irwin Shire Council

Municipal Inventory Place Record

Place Details **Place Number:** 110 **Category:** 4 **HCWA No:** 12179
Assessment Date: 05/08/1997 **Last Revision Date:** 22/09/2004

Name: Site of Former RC Cemetery & First Church

Former Name:

Type of Place: Site

Address: Brand Highway

Map Reference HUNT 1:2000 BE42/35.03

Locality Name: Yardarino

Area of Site:

GPS Northing:

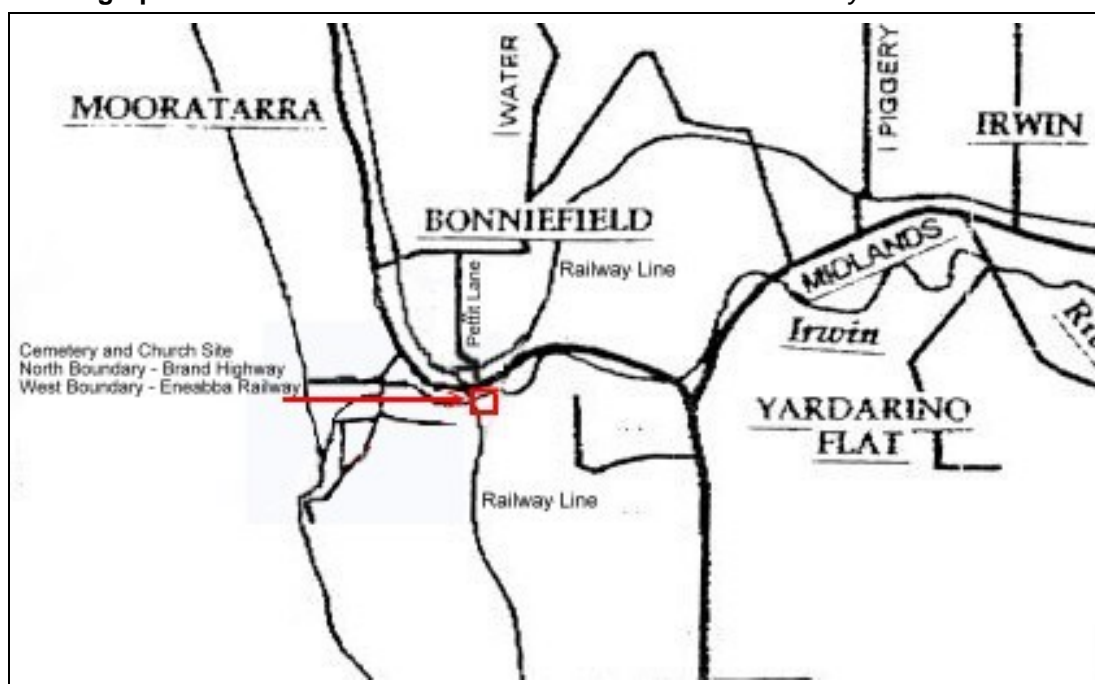
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Photograph

Date of Photograph:

Source:

G. W. Grundy



Map of site of Cemetery and Church site.

Ownership

Owner: RC Bishop of Geraldton

Owner Phone/Fax:

Address: PO Box 178, Geraldton, 6531

Site Details

Lot/Locn: Loc 1867

Diagram/Plan:

Vol/Folio:

Reserve:

Purpose:

Assess No: 7566

Vesting:

Occupied: No

Occupier:

PubAccess: No

Lease:

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Uses of the Place

Original Use: Church/Cemetery

Current Use: Not in Use

Description

Walls: N/A

Roof: N/A

Condition: N/A

Integrity: N/A

Orig'l Fabric:

Modifications

The site is bounded by Brand Highway to the north, the Eneabba railway line to the west and private property to the east and south.

History

Const'n Date: 1872

Source:

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

In 1872, Father Lecaille built a small bat-brick church with a thatched roof and a small cemetery on "Gum Tree Hill" at the east end of Dongara. This was used till 1885 when the small stone presbytery in Waldeck Street was built by him. The first church later became home to the Ventura family and the place became known as Ventura's Hill. The cemetery was inadvertently excavated during the building of the Eneabba rail line in about 1975. The pioneer remains were subsequently re-interred in the Dongara Cemetery with an appropriate memorial.

(Source: Bain, M.A., "Ancient Landmarks", UWA Press, Perth, 1975)

Chronology Entries

1872 Father Lecaille built a small batbrick church on Gum Tree Hill at the east end of the settlement of Dongara.

Ancient Landmarks, Bain, M. A., UWA Press, Perth, 1975 Pages 274

Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

406 Religion

8.6.4 Making places for worship

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3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

Statement of Significance

The site of the former Roman Catholic Church and cemetery located on "Gum Tree Hill", East Dongara, have historic significance given their connection to Father Lecaille and the establishment of the Catholic Church in the district.

Management Category: 4

HISTORIC SITE OR SIGNIFICANT VEGETATION.

Historic site without built features or with association to an historic personage. Recognise the site with a plaque, place name, paving stone or appropriate marker.

Other Listings

No other heritage listings.

Supporting Information

IDHS Records

Bain, M.A., "Ancient Landmarks", UWA Press, Perth, 1975.

HCWA Database No. 12179
