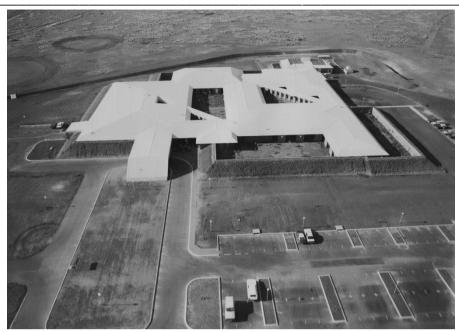
Place No. 37 Nickol Bay Hospital



Nickol Bay Hospital, 1982 Courtesy Shire of Roebourne Local History Office, 2005.1538

LOCATION]
Name of Place	Nickol Bay Hospital, Karratha
Other Name (1)	Karratha Hospital
Other Name (2)	
Location/Address	
Street Number	
Street Name	Millstream Road
Suburb/Town	Karratha
Other Locational descriptor (text)	mE 481050 mN 7705817
	Longitude: 116.818 Latitude -20.7472

OWNERSHIP & LAND DESCR	IPTION			
Owner	Address	Phone/fax	Status	Item No.
WA Country Health Service		9143 2333		
Reserve No.	Lot/Location No.	Plan/Diagram	Vol/Folio	Item No.
RES 37084	2898	P215006	LR3149/ 932	

LISTING AND ASSESSMENT	
HCWA Reference Number	NEW ENTRY
State Register of Heritage Places:(Y/N)	No
Classified by the National Trust (Y/N)	No
Register of the National Estate (Y/N)	NO
Local Town Planning Scheme (Y/N)	No
Management Category	В

DESCRIPTION	
Construction Date (1)	1981
Construction Date (2)	

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Site Type (Place Type)	Individual Building or Group
Use(s) of Place	
Original	HEALTH: Hospital
Present	HEALTH: Hospital
Other	
Construction Materials:	
Walls	2. BRICK
	201 Common Brick
	299 Other Brick
	4. EARTH
	499 Other Earth
Roof	6. METAL
	613 Zincalume
Other	3. CEMENT
	399 Other Concrete
Condition	Good
Integrity (how much of the original fabric	Complete
is intact?):	

Physical Description

The design of the hospital building had to take into account the severe environmental conditions that can occur in the region. In addition, the building was to serve a post-disaster function in the event of a destructive cyclone and these criteria imposed constraints on the final design of the structure. As such the building faces inwards and the external walls are sheltered by high earth wall banks, which provide shelter during cyclone, reduce the need for heavy structural components and also serve to insulate the building. The banks are planted with rock gardens, creepers and small bushes.

There are a series of internal courtyards, and other areas are grouped into function related zones. The building was designed with solar panels to provide hot water and therefore conserve energy.

History

In mid 1980 the Western Australian Government announced a competition calling for consortiums of consultants and contractors to design, construct and commission a fully equipped hospital, with the potential to expand to a larger number of beds if required. Fourteen consortiums submitted proposals and two of these were selected to proceed to the next stage.¹

A contract was awarded to the successful consortium in early December 1980; the consortium was led by the contractor Concrete Constructions (WA) Pty Ltd, together with Pearce Thomas Consultants Pty Ltd, architects and Health Facility Planners. Construction started on the hospital building in 1981.²

Archaeology

There is little potential for archaeology at this site.

SIGNIFICANCE

Historic theme (s)	1. DEMOGRAPHIC SETTLEMENT AND MOBILITY 107 Settlements
	4. SOCIAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES 404 Community services and utilities
Statement of Significance:	

The hospital has social significance for the community of Karratha as a place of care, convalescence, birth and death. The hospital demonstrates an association with the health and wellbeing of the Karratha community. The hospital is historically significant for its connection to the growth of the town of Karratha. The distinctive earth walls contribute to the aesthetic value of Karratha, appearing as it does to sit within the landscape of the Karratha Hills.

ASSOCIATIONS	
Architect/Designer (1)	Concrete Constructions WA – head of construction consortium
Architect/Designer (2)	Pearce Thomas Consultants Pty Ltd
Other Associated Person(s)	

MHI 1996	Identified on Review List
MHI Review 2012	Site assessed, Place Name Record created

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ Nicol Bay Regional Hospital, Karratha (Karratha Public Library) $^{\rm 2}$ Nickol Bay Hospital