

Place No. 33 Meares' House (fmr)



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LOCATION	
Name of Place	Meares' House (fmr)
Other Name (1)	Roebourne Veterinary Clinic
Other Name (2)	Rick Fenny's house; Keith Watson's house
Location/Address	
Street Number	53
Street Name	Sholl St
Suburb/Town	Roebourne
Other Locational descriptor (text)	mE 515118 mN 7702821 Longitude: 117.1452 Latitude: -20.7743

OWNERSHIP & LAND DESCRIPTION				
Owner	Address	Phone/fax	Status	Item No.
Mr R E Fenny	974B Albany Hwy East Victoria Park WA 6101	9361 9044		
Reserve No.	Lot/Location No.	Plan/Diagram	Vol/Folio	Item No.
	Lot 15	D42138		

LISTING AND ASSESSMENT	
HCWA Reference Number	2330
State Register of Heritage Places:(Y/N)	No
Classified by the National Trust (Y/N)	Yes
Register of the National Estate (Y/N)	No
Local Town Planning Scheme (Y/N)	Yes
Management Category	C

DESCRIPTION	
Construction Date (1)	c.1885
Construction Date (2)	
Site Type (Place Type)	Individual Building or Group
Use(s) of Place	

<i>Original</i>	RESIDENTIAL: Single storey residence
<i>Present</i>	RESIDENTIAL: Single storey residence
<i>Other</i>	COMMERCIAL: Other – Veterinary Clinic
Construction Materials:	
<i>Walls</i>	9. STONE 904 Local Stone
<i>Roof</i>	6. METAL 606 Corrugated Iron
<i>Other</i>	3. CONCRETE 399 Other concrete
Condition	Fair
Integrity (how much of the original fabric is intact?):	Largely intact
Physical Description	
<p>The building is constructed of stone with walls measuring approximately 450 mm thick, forming two rooms approximately 5 m². The house is surrounded by a 3 m wide verandah which has been filled in to form extra rooms. The simple hip roof is of corrugated iron with a separately pitched skillion roof over the verandahs. The windows to the central core are fitted with timber cyclone shutters.</p>	
History	
<p>This house was built for John Goldsmith Meares, who bought the land from his father-in-law, John Withnell, part of Lot 1, Withnell's original land grant. Meares purchased three quarters of an acre from Withnell in April 1891 for two hundred pounds.</p> <p>In approximately 1914 the property was transferred to Harry John Watson.</p> <p>Dalgety and Company purchased the property on 23 December 1952.</p> <p>Richard Edmund Fenny purchased the building in 1977.</p>	
Archaeology	
<p>There is potential for archaeology to reveal aspects of the ways the residence was used over time.</p>	

SIGNIFICANCE	
Historic theme (s)	<p>1. DEMOGRAPHIC SETTLEMENT AND MOBILITY 104 Land Allocation and subdivision 107 Settlements</p> <p>3. OCCUPATIONS 306 Domestic activities</p> <p>4. SOCIAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES 404 Community services and utilities</p> <p>6. PEOPLE 602 Early settlers</p>
Statement of Significance:	
<p>This building is historically significant because it is one of two existing stone residences still surviving in Roebourne, and is a typical example of the North West domestic architectural style of the area from 1885-95.</p>	
ASSOCIATIONS	
Architect/Designer (1)	
Architect/Designer (2)	

Other Associated Person(s)	John Withnell John Goldsmith Meares Harry John Watson Richard Edmund Fenny
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OTHER	
References	
National Trust of Australia (WA) Classification Files Title Deed	

MHI 1996	Site assessed and Place Name Record created as "Veterinary Clinic"
MHI Review 2012	Entry updated and renamed "Meares' House"



Meare's House 1970s (Courtesy National Trust of Australia (W.A.))

