

City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Greenough Place Number: 114 Category: 2

 Assessment Date:
 30/09/1997
 Last Revision Date:
 12/04/2005

 HCWA Number:
 11106
 Asset ID:
 MCH126649

PLACE DETAILS

Name: Railway Gatekeeper's Cottage (Fmr)

Other Names: Bradley's School

Type of Place: Cottage

Address: Cnr Edward & McCartney Road

Suburb: Georgina

LOCATION

Map Walkaway **GPS** 6799808.00 **GPS** 283920.000

Reference: S.W. Northing: 0000 Easting: 000



Photo Description:

12/04/2005 Martin Front (south) facade of cottage

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SITE DETAILS

Lot No.: VL 8329

Reserv No.: Assess No.: 63153

Dia/Plan: Vol/Fol:

USE OF PLACE

Original Use: Residence/School

Current Use: Residence

Ownership:

Public Access: No Occupied: Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls: Limestone Roof: Corrugated Iron

Condition: Good Integrity:

Original fabric:

Modifications: Original roof replaced with tiles

Located immediately east of the railway line and near the intersection of McCartney and Edward Roads, this stone cottage has a hipped corrugated iron roof with eaves overhang. The roof extends to cover the front (south) verandah which is supported on timber posts and partly enclosed with fibro sheeting and an aluminium framed window. The house has a corbelled brick chimney and feature brick arches to openings. The front facade has a feature bay window. A large timber framed and corrugated iron clad garage is attached to the east, while to the west there is a fibro clad extension. Immediately to the north east of the cottage is a shelter shed which was relocated from the Central Greenough State School. [Place No. 39] It is a timber framed corrugated iron clad structure.

2004/05 Review: Views to the cottage are largely obscured by vegetation.

HISTORY

Construction Date: 1886 Source: G. Martin

Architect: Not available Builder: Not available

This cottage was one of four built as gate keeper's cottages in 1886 when the Government Railway was constructed between Geraldton and Walkaway (See also Place No. 119). The nearby Bradley's siding was

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possibly named after Patrick Bradley, an early resident. From c1900 to the 1950s the cottage operated as a school and was known locally as Bradley's School. Miss L. Lenz, the schoolteacher at Walkaway, lived at Bradley's in 1932. (Source: Gary Martin)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 200 Transport and communications

402 Education and science

AHC: 3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

6.5 Educating people in remote places

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Former Bradley's School has considerable historic significance for its connection with rail transport in the district from the 1880s. The place has further social significance given its use as a school for nearly 50 years. The house is characteristic of other railway houses in the area, being one of several built at the time. Although altered, the place still has aesthetic appeal given its use of local stone and built features such as the bay window and corbelled chimney.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 2

Level of Significance: CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important

to the heritage of the locality.

Management Conservation of the place is highly

Recommendation: recommended. Any proposed change should

not unduly impact on the heritage values of the

place and should retain significant fabric

wherever feasible.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:

HCWA Database No. 11106.

"Gatekeeper's House (fmr)", HCWA Register of Heritage Places, June 2002.

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos

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