

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 155	Category: 5
Assessment Date: 09/12/1997	Last Revision Date: 05/04/2005	
HCWA Number: 13927	Asset ID: MCH126951	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Bringo Townsite
Other Names:	off Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road (south side)
Type of Place:	Townsite
Address:	off Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road (south side)
Suburb:	Bringo

LOCATION

Map	Nanson	GPS	6818184.00	GPS	289504.000
Reference:	S.W.	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:

5/04/2005

Martin

view of ruin with remains of school site cairn to the rear

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	VL 6800/6804	Assess No.:	61068
Reserv No.:			/6119
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Dia/Plan:		Vol/Fol:	

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Townsite		
Current Use:	Not in use		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Yes	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Not applicable	Roof:	Not applicable
Condition:	Fair	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			
<p>The Bringo Townsite is located on the south side of the Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road in a small picturesque hollow which features many Japanese pepper trees. Access is via a narrow winding road off the Highway which is becoming overgrown with vegetation. Some foundations remain of the buildings, including houses and a school. The site of the school is marked by a cairn.</p> <p>2004/5 Review: There are remnants of the original Geraldton-Mullewa Road with stone culverts on the site.</p>			

HISTORY

Construction Date:	unknown	Source:	Foundation Stone
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	Not available		
<p>The Bringo Townsite originated as a railway settlement for fettlers and their families. The townsite consisted of several houses, a school and tennis courts. The small Bringo School opened in 1907 for the children of the railway workers. The school closed on 16 December 1949 after which the local school children were transported by school bus to Geraldton. In 1951 the school building was bought by the Geraldton/Greenough Road</p>			

Board and used as an Agricultural Hall. The Bringo School quarters were vacated on 2 August 1966 and demolished on 15 August 1967. The former school building was demolished c1975. During the 1940s Bringo was a popular area for picnics with trains bringing passengers from Geraldton as well as locals attending.

(Source: Shields, B., "Around the Cutting: Memories of the Kojarena-Bringo area 1907-1989", 1989, pp.6, 15 & 24)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	100 Demographic settlement and mobility 104 Land allocation and subdivision 107 Settlements
AHC:	3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways 4.1.1 Selecting township sites

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bringo Townsite has considerable historic significance as a former settlement in the Shire which existed primarily because of the railway. The place is evidence of the settlement patterns in the Shire and the impact of the railway construction. Further, it became a centre for the local rural community in terms of social and sporting events.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	5
Level of Significance:	HISTORIC SITE: The site has historic significance for its previous use and its role in the historical development of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Proposed development may need to have regard to possible archaeological evidence remaining on the site. Recognise and interpret the site if feasible. This may be achieved through a variety of methods including, but not limited to, signage, public art, paving treatment and landscaping as well as design treatment of any new development which reflects the former use of the site.

OTHER LISTINGS

Shire of Greenough - Town Planning Scheme (64), 01/01/1970
National Trust of WA - Classified, 01/01/1970
Australian Heritage Commission - Register, 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:Wells, J.H., "Here-There-Not-Everywhere", 1986.
Shields, B., "Around the Cutting: Memories of the Kojarena-Bringoo area 1907-1989", 1989.
HCWA Database No. 13927.
Photographs:GHS0494 School (1947), GHS0931 picnic (1912), GHS2199 school (1947).

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos