

<b>Area:</b> Greenough	<b>Place Number:</b> 182	<b>Category:</b> 5
<b>Assessment Date:</b> 09/12/1997	<b>Last Revision Date:</b> 20/09/2022	
<b>HCWA Number:</b> 13946	<b>Asset ID:</b> MCH127067	

### PLACE DETAILS

<b>Name:</b>	Shire of Greenough Offices Fmr
<b>Other Names:</b>	
<b>Type of Place:</b>	Office
<b>Address:</b>	Cnr Edward Road & Horwood Rd (formerly Geraldton-Mt Magnet)
<b>Suburb:</b>	Utakarra

### LOCATION

<b>Map Reference:</b> Geraldton N.E.	<b>GPS Northing:</b> 6814392.00 0000	<b>GPS Easting:</b> 270954.000 000
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**Photo Description:**  
7/05/2005  
Martin  
Shire of Greenough Offices

## SITE DETAILS

<b>Lot No.:</b>	Lot 47	<b>Assess No.:</b>	68866
<b>Reserv No.:</b>		<b>Vol/Fol:</b>	
<b>Dia/Plan:</b>			

## USE OF PLACE

<b>Original Use:</b>	Office	<b>Occupied:</b>	Not Occupied
<b>Current Use:</b>	Not in use		
<b>Ownership:</b>	CGG		
<b>Public Access:</b>	Restricted		

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Walls:</b>	Brick	<b>Roof:</b>	Tile
<b>Condition:</b>	Poor	<b>Integrity:</b>	
<b>Original fabric:</b>			
<b>Modifications:</b>	3 Extensions		

Prominently situated on the corner of Horwood Road and Edward Road, the Shire of Greenough Offices are set on an angle addressing the corner. The building is of brick construction with the hipped tile roof which features several gables. The building has been extended previously to the east in 1982, the south in 1991 and south-east in 1997.

The site includes raised landscaping on the west of the lot at the corner of Edward and Horwood Road.

On 11 April 2021 the Midwest region was impacted by Cyclone Seroja which crossed the coast just south of Kalbarri. During the cyclone the building sustained damage to the tiled roof when part of the steel carport attached to the rear of the building detached and landed on the main roof of the building. The damage caused the roof to leak and in turn damaged internal ceilings and furnishings in some areas.

## HISTORY

<b>Construction Date:</b>	1971	<b>Source:</b>	Plaque
<b>Architect:</b>	L.E. Eves		
<b>Builder:</b>	GBC		

The Shire of Greenough Offices were designed by Architect Lewis Eves and built in 1971 by the Geraldton Building Company. The building was

officially opened on 6 March 1971 by the Hon Sir David Brand, KCMG, MLA. Extensions to the building were opened on 22 March 1991 by Gordon Garratt, the Shire President. These extensions were designed by Architects Eastman and Poletti and built by F.J. & D.K. Ashplant. Further extensions have been constructed by the Geraldton Building Company to the design of Eastman and Poletti and date from approximately 1997.

(Source: Building Plaques)

After undertaking a search of the City's building licences another prior extension dated 1982 has been located. This extension appears to have been designed by Peter Teakle however there does not appear to be any record of the builder.

The Shire of Greenough Offices were the centre for local government in the Greenough district from 1971 until the amalgamation with the City of Geraldton to form the City of Geraldton-Greenough on 1 July 2007. The City of Geraldton-Greenough was subsequently amalgamated with the Shire of Mullewa on 1 July 2011 forming the City of Greater Geraldton. The Greenough office was used by local government staff until February 2011 when all remaining staff and functions were permanently relocated to the Geraldton Civic Centre. The building was utilised by other agencies such as the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Mid West Regional Council for a short period of time. While the City of Greater Geraldton was relocating the depot from its Pass Street location, the building was utilised as a temporary cattery until the Davies Road Animal Management Facility was completed and opened in June 2019.

The building remained vacant in its last few years despite a number of attempts by the local government to reuse the building via lease or sale. To aid this, the City undertook a scheme amendment in 2014 rezoning the land from "Public Purpose" local scheme reserve to "Highway Commercial –Restricted Use" along with a subsequent subdivision to separate the office from adjacent Greenough Oval site. A condition of the restricted use is that any future development should be sited to ensure the existing landscaping at the corner of Edward and Horwood Road is maintained to the approval of the local government. Retention of the landscaping was conditioned given that the location is a gateway site to the Rangeway Uta Karra Karloo area in accordance with the approved precinct plan.

In March 2021 the City approved the renaming of the committee meeting room located at the Geraldton Civic Centre on Cathedral Avenue to "The Greenough Room". The justification for the name change given that while the Greenough offices/chambers have been closed for some time, the name change ensures that our connection to the former Shire of Greenough before, during and after amalgamations is recognised.

Following the damage sustained by Cyclone Seroja in April 2021, Council resolved to demolish the structure via resolution made on 26 April 2022.

## HISTORIC THEMES

<b>HCWA:</b>	400 Social and civic activities 401 Government and politics 404 Community services and utilities
<b>AHC:</b>	7.6 Administering Australia 7.6.1 Developing local government authorities 7.6.6 Providing services and welfare

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shire of Greenough Offices have some social significance as the centre for local government in the Greenough district since 1971.

## MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

<b>Management Category:</b>	5
<b>Level of Significance:</b>	HISTORIC SITE: The site has historic significance for its previous use and its role in the historical development of the locality.
<b>Management Recommendation:</b>	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 plantings as well as design treatment of any new development which reflects the former use of the site.

## OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:  
HCWA Database No. 13946.  
"Greenough Shire to Proceed with Plan for New Offices", Geraldton

Guardian 25/07/1970.

"Shire Accepts Office Tender", Geraldton Guardian 5/08/1970.

"New Shire Offices near completion", Geraldton Guardian 18/11/1970.

"Great Day for District Shire", Geraldton Guardian 9/03/1971.

"Shire Centre to be extended", Geraldton Guardian 31/07/1981.

## **OTHER PHOTOS**

No other photos