

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 31	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 23/09/1997	Last Revision Date: 09/02/2005	
HCWA Number: 1146	Asset ID: MCH126796	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Clinch's Mill
Other Names:	Padbury's Mill
Type of Place:	Flour Mill
Address:	Gregory Road (East side) (formerly called Clinch Place)
Suburb:	Greenough

LOCATION

Map Reference: Geraldton S.E.	GPS Northing: 6796761.00 0000	GPS Easting: 279815.000 000
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Clinch's Mill, view of east facades

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 1 of CG 293	Assess No.:	64119
Reserv No.:	28085	Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Flour Mill		
Current Use:	Not in use		
Ownership:	City of Geraldton-Greenough		
Public Access:	Restricted	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Limestone	Roof:	Colorbond
Condition:	Not Applicable	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

Prominently located to the east of Brand Highway some 300 metres to the north west of Cliff Grange, the building known as Clinch's Mill has three distinct sections. The central and northern sections, which date from 1857 and 1869, are of limestone rubble construction, have no roof and are in a ruinous state. The southern section, dating from c1889 is a large three storey random rubble limestone structure with a colorbond gable roof. There are red brick quoins to corners and openings. The west façade has large centrally placed double timber doors at each level with small timber framed sash windows each side. Three similar sized windows are located at each level to the south facade and at the top storey on the north façade, which adjoins the central section of the structure. The east facade has two windows to each storey with a single entry door.

2004/05 Review: The ruinous section of the mill to the north side has been stabilised and partly reconstructed.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1857	Source:	Palassis
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	1890- Mr Whitmore		

The place is documented as being subject to three separate stages of development: 1857, c1869 and c1890. The two storey 1857 mill was

constructed for Walter Padbury, and leased first to Edward Whitfield and Robert Sutherland and then was managed by William Forrest. In 1868, Padbury lent the manager of his mill at Dandaragan, Thomas Clinch, three thousand pounds to purchase the mill. Clinch optimistically enlarged the storage space on the north end of the building and in ten years had paid off the debt to Padbury. In 1888, Clinch visited the Eastern States to inspect new roller mill technology. Whilst there he arranged with O.C. Schumacher to install a roller milling system at Greenough. To house the machinery a new three storey section of the mill was built by Mr Whitmore (this was the first specifically built roller mill in WA). The new machinery began operations in 1891 and continued operations until 1927. The machinery was removed in 1936. The three storey section was restored in the early 1990s and is currently owned by the National Trust of Australia (WA).

A number of archaeological sites exist around the mill, including wells, sites of 2 cottages, stone stables, machinery shed, barn etc. These sites are well documented in Martin Gibbs, "A Preliminary report on the History and Archaeology of Clinch's Mill and The Greenough Hotel (The 'Old Pub')", UWA, 1988.

(Sources: Palassis Architects, "Greenough District Conservation Masterplan", 1995, p.202, Joy Clinch & Greenough-Walkaway Heritage Trail)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	100 Demographic settlement and mobility 310 Manufacturing and processing 600 People
AHC:	3 Developing local, regional and national economies 3.13 Developing an Australian manufacturing capacity 7.6.12 Conserving Australia's heritage

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Clinch's Mill has high historic significance as evidence of the flour milling industry which was so important to the agricultural activities in the district. Further the place is associated with Walter Padbury and Thomas Clinch, well known throughout the district. Clinch's Mill represents a prime investigation site for archaeological study to reveal the development of the flour milling industry since the late 1850s. Given its large scale and prominent location, the Mill is a very significant element of Greenough's built fabric and is held in high esteem by the local community.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	1
Level of Significance:	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is considered essential. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the significance of the place and be in accordance with either a Conservation Plan or Heritage Impact Statement.

OTHER LISTINGS

Shire of Greenough - Town Planning Scheme (27), 01/01/1970 National Trust of WA - Classified, 01/01/1970 Australian Heritage Commission - Register, 01/01/1970 Heritage Council of WA - Register, 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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OTHER PHOTOS



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Clinch's Mill, viewed from North-West