

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 35	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 23/09/1997	Last Revision Date: 06/05/2005	
HCWA Number: 1159	Asset ID: MCH126831	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Greenough Road Board Office (Fmr)
Other Names:	Greenough Road Board Office
Type of Place:	Office
Address:	Gregory Road (east side)
Suburb:	Greenough

LOCATION

Map	Geraldton	GPS	6796278.00	GPS	280044.000
Reference:	S.E.	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:

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Road Board Office viewed from the north west.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	CG 10358	Assess No.:	63476
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Roads Board Office		
Current Use:	Meeting Room		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Restricted	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Limestone	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

Set on the east side of, and close to, Clinch Place, this small rectangular random rubble limestone building is constructed in Victorian Georgian style. There are red brick quoins to corners and openings. It has a colorbond gable roof with a tall corbelled brick chimney set in the south east corner of the roof. The front flying gable has decorative barge board with a flag pole extending above the roof level. Windows are timber framed and double hung with two set in each of the north and south facades. Entry is via centrally placed double timber entry doors in the west façade, which are set above two stone steps. Above the door is a sign: "GREENOUGH ROAD BOARD".

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1906	Source:	Palassis
Architect:	Jenner & Haffner		
Builder:	Jenner & Haffner		

The Greenough Road Board was formed in 1871 and first held meetings at the Hampton Hotel (Place No. 58) and then in the Court Room (Place No. 37) at the Central Greenough Historic Settlement. In the early 1900s there was considerable debate about where to locate their own Greenough Road Board building with many local people arguing that Central Greenough had been eclipsed in importance by Walkaway. However a site for the new office was surveyed at Central Greenough in 1906. Road

Board Minutes of July 1906 reveal that the Road Board Office in Central Greenough was completed by the contractors, Jenner and Haffner, with the exception of tuckpointing. The first meeting of the Greenough Road Board was held in the office on 4 September 1906. The last meeting was held there on 11 March 1952. In 1956 the building was purchased by the Greenough Anglican Vestry for use as a Guild Hall. In 1962 ownership was transferred to the Trustees of the Diocese of North West Australia. The Greenough/Walkaway Anglican Ladies Guild used the building as their meeting room up until 1995 when due to a decline in numbers, the Guild ceased to meet on a regular basis.

(Source: Road Board Minutes, 1906 & "MidWest Times", 30 November 1994, p.7 & Eastman & Poletti Pty Ltd Architects & Gary Martin Historian, "Former Greenough Road Board Building Conservation Plan", 2000)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	401 Government and politics 404 Community services and utilities
AHC:	4.1.1 Selecting township sites 7.6.1 Developing local government authorities 7.6.12 Conserving Australia's heritage

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Greenough Road Board Office has historic significance for its connection to local government for many years. The place is a good example of a small road board office built in Victorian Georgian style and has aesthetic significance given its compact scale, use of local materials and decorative quoining and barge boards. The building forms an essential part of the Greenough Hamlet and makes an important contribution to the built environment of the Front Flats.

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 (30), 01/01/1970
National Trust of WA - Recorded, 01/01/1970
Heritage Council of WA - Register, 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:

HCWA Database No. 1159.

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Table of Heritage Places", 1994.

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Lloyd, M., "Mid West Heritage", 1999, p. 13.

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Photographs:

GHS0967 office & church (n.d.), GHS0968 office (n.d.).

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos