

City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Greenough Place Number: 45 Category:

Assessment Date: 23/09/1997 Last Revision Date: 19/04/2005 HCWA Number: 1162 Asset ID: 19/04/2005

PLACE DETAILS

Name: St Peter's Church

Other Names: Gregory Road (west side) (formerly called Clinch

Place)

Type of Place: Church

Address: Gregory Road (west side) (formerly called Clinch

Place)

Suburb: Greenough

LOCATION

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Photo Description:

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Martin

St Peter's Church, east façade, front (east) and north elevations

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SITE DETAILS

Lot No.: Lot 4

Reserv No.: Assess No.: 64080

Dia/Plan: Vol/Fol:

USE OF PLACE

Original Use: Church
Current Use: Church

Ownership:

Public Access: Restricted Occupied: Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls: Limestone Roof: Corrugated Iron

Condition: Good Integrity:

Original fabric: Modifications:

Located on the west side of Gregory Road between Goodwin's Cottage and the former Greenough Convent, St Peter's Church is built in Federation Gothic style. The building is constructed of random rubble limestone and the steeply pitched corrugated iron gable roof has parapeted gables. A porch to the east façade has a roof of similar style. Windows are Gothic arch style and the building is buttressed to the corners and sides. Entry is via double timber entry doors set in the north side of the porch. There is a foundation stone in the east wall of the porch. Five small dormer style vents were set into the roof on each side of the building in 1997 to match the original roof structure.

HISTORY

Construction Date: 1908 Source: R. Marchant James

Architect: W. Martin

Builder: W. Martin & Short

The Roman Catholic Church purchased this land from Thomas Clinch in 1885. Three years later, their church, located on lower ground to the north, [Place No. 34] was damaged in the floods of 1888, so a decision was made to build a new church on this higher ground. The new church was designed and built by the Martin brothers. Some of the stone used was salvaged from the first church. The foundation stone was laid on 13 September 1908. Mr F. Short, D. Gray and A. Neill contracted to do the

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masonry, F. Mooney was responsible for the cementing, plastering and ornamental moulding and the carpentry and joining was undertaken by W. Radford, E. Martin and N. Beringer. The stained glass windows were made by Messrs Barnett Bros. of Perth. St Peter's Church was consecrated and opened on 31 January 1909. Mass continues to be celebrated regularly in St Peter's Church.

(Sources: Palassis Architects, "Greenough District Conservation Masterplan", 1995, pp.160 & 209, Marchant James, R., "Cork to Capricorn: A History of the Presentation Sisters in Western Australia 1891-1991", 1996, pp.190-1)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 400 Social and civic activities

406 Religion

AHC: 8.6.4 Making places for worship

8.6 Worshipping

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St Peter's Roman Catholic Church has high historic and social significance given its use as a place of worship for many years. Further, given its high integrity and good condition, the place makes an important contribution to the built environment of the Greenough Flats and is an essential element of Central Greenough.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 1

Level of Significance: EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the

heritage of the locality.

Management Conservation of the place is considered

Recommendation: 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.

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OTHER LISTINGS

Shire of Greenough - Town Planning Scheme (39), 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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Photographs:

GHS0963 interior view (n.d.).

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos

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