

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 46	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 23/09/1997	Last Revision Date: 09/05/2005	
HCWA Number: 1142	Asset ID: MCH126883	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Greenough Convent
Other Names:	Presentation Convent/Dominican Convent
Type of Place:	Convent
Address:	Gregory Road (west side) (formerly called Clinch Place)
Suburb:	Greenough

LOCATION

Map Reference: Geraldton S.E.	GPS Northing: 6796101.00 0000	GPS Easting: 280125.000 000
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Photo Description:
19/04/2005
Martin
Convent, east facade

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 3 of Pt CG 159	Assess No.:	63188
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Convent	Occupied:	Not Occupied
Current Use:	Museum		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Restricted		

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Limestone	Roof:	Colorbond
Condition:	Fair	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

The former Greenough Convent is located on the west side of the old Brand Highway, formerly Gregory Road, in Central Greenough. The building is set back some fifty meters from the road with tall Norfolk Island Pine trees located to the south east and north east of the building. The L-shaped building, built in Victorian Rural Gothic style, has a hipped colorbond corrugated iron roof which runs north to south and a gable roof which runs east to west, the west end of which has a timber cross set on the apex of the gable. A simple brick chimney is located below the gable at the centre of the hipped roof. Separate verandahs are located on the east and south elevations. The verandahs are supported on chamfered timber posts. The random rubble building has been lime washed and has red brick quoins to window and door openings. The gable end has a small circular timber louvered vent set high in the gable. Below is an arched opening which accommodates a glass transom light above glass and timber double entry doors, which are, set above two brick steps. Accesses from the verandah is via a timber door to the south west and french doors to the east. Windows are small and timber framed.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1898	Source:	Palassis
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	Not available		

Construction of the Greenough convent commenced in 1898. The building housed the Dominican Sisters who arrived at Greenough from New Zealand in 1899. The Sisters established a school in the large northern end room in June 1899 which was known as St Joseph's School. The order moved to Dongara in 1901 and the place was taken over by the Presentation Sisters who were active in the area until 1951. In 1942, the nuns were evacuated and the convent was occupied by Australian Infantry Forces. (Sources: Palassis Architects, "Greenough District Conservation Masterplan", 1995, pp.162 & 209-10, Marchant James, R., "Cork to Capricorn: A History of the Presentation Sisters in Western Australia 1891-1991", 1996, pp.137-8, Ahearn, M., "I Remember", 1977, p.3 & HCWA Register of Heritage Places, No.1142)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	406 Religion 402 Education and science 600 People
AHC:	8.6.3 Founding Australian religious institutions 6.2 Establishing schools 3.5 Developing primary production

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Greenough Convent has high historic and social significance for its role in the social, educational and religious life of the Greenough Flats community. Together with other buildings in Central Greenough, the former Dominican Convent forms an integral part of a unique historic precinct.

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 (40), 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

Bibliography:

HCWA Database No. 1142.

AHC Database No. 009597.

Ahearn, M., "I Remember", 1977.

Feilman, M., "Greenough Historical Survey of the Front Flats", 1977 (40).

Suba, T., "The Greenough Front Flats Bibliography of Local Sources and Table of Heritage Places", 1994.

Palassis Architects, "Greenough District Conservation Masterplan", 1995.

Marchant James, R., "Cork to Capricorn: A History of the Presentation Sisters in Western Australia 1891-1991", 1996.

Photographs:

GHS0042 convent & students (1901), GHS0627 view from south (n.d.),

GHS0926 gathering (1899), GHS2552 rear view (n.d.).

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos