

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 49	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 23/09/1997	Last Revision Date: 09/02/2005	
HCWA Number: 1167	Asset ID: MCH126907	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Wesley Church
Other Names:	Wesley Chapel
Type of Place:	Church
Address:	Cnr Company & McCartney Roads
Suburb:	Greenough

LOCATION

Map	Geraldton	GPS	6795194.00	GPS	279567.000
Reference:	S.E.	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:

16/09/2004

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Wesley Church, north and east elevations

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Part Lot CG 85	Assess No.:	63594
Reserv No.:	36061	Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:	231869		

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Church		
Current Use:	Not in use		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	No	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

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

Wesley Church, located on the south east corner of the intersection of Company and McCartney Roads opposite Gray's Store [Place No. 50], is a tall Victorian Gothic Revival random rubble limestone building. Originally a shingled roof, the place has a steeply pitched and recently re-sheeted gable corrugated colorbond roof. The side walls and corners of the church are buttressed from just below roof level to form three structural bays down each side. Each bay has a tall slender gothic arched window. The front entry gable has two entry doors, one at each corner and a large central window built up into the gable; all three openings have gothic arched heads and the window arch is framed by a stone architrave with a boss at each side. Internally the walls are rendered however, the ceiling and floors have been removed and not replaced. The condition of the stone walls is sound and re-roofing has stabilised deterioration to the stone shell of the building.

2004/05 Review: All the window and door openings have been boarded up to secure the building.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1867	Source:	Heritage Trail
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	Not available		

The foundation stone for the Wesley Church was laid in 1867 by Joseph Hardey of Tranby House in Maylands. Land for the church was donated by John Mills. The place was constructed using ticket of leave labour and opened for worship in 1870. Many of Greenough's early settlers were members of the strong Wesleyan Community which was led by the Waldeck family, who lived in nearby Mt Pleasant [Place No. 29]. In October 1912 the Waldeck memorial windows were dedicated. Due to a declining population, the church was closed and the pews were sent to the Methodist Church Hall in Geraldton and the pulpit to Mullewa. In December 1955 half the roof was torn off the Wesleyan Church in a storm, fortunately the memorial windows were not damaged. (Sources: Palassis Architects, "Greenough District Conservation Masterplan", 1995, pp173, 212, Geraldton Guardian 20/12/1955 & Greenough-Walkaway Heritage Trail)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	400 Social and civic activities 406 Religion 602 Early settlers
AHC:	8.6.4 Making places for worship 8.6 Worshipping 7.6.12 Conserving Australia's heritage

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wesley Church has high historic and social significance given its connection with the development of religion on the Greenough Flats, the Wesleyan Community, and the Waldeck family in particular. The place, although only a shell, makes an important contribution to the built environment of the Greenough Flats. The place demonstrates the remoteness of the Greenough community given its design style was many years 'out of fashion' at the time it was constructed.

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 (43), 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. 1167.

AHC Database No. 009607.

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Shardlow, R., & Hasluck, A., "National Trust of Western Australia Sketchbook", 1978, pp. 42-3.

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

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

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Lloyd, M., "Mid West Heritage", 1999, p. 11.

Photographs:

GHS0157 anniversary (1939), GHS1419 Waldeck windows (1955), GHS1575 church ruin (n.d.), GHS1579 church ruin (1967), GHS1580 church ruin (n.d.), GHS1718 unveiling windows (n.d.), GHS2565 interior (n.d.), GHS2971 congregation leaving (n.d.), GHS6603 church ruin (1969).

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos