

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 50	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 23/09/1997	Last Revision Date: 09/02/2005	
HCWA Number: 1153	Asset ID: MCH126910	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Gray's Store
Other Names:	Cnr Company & McCartney Roads
Type of Place:	Store
Address:	Cnr Company & McCartney Roads
Suburb:	Greenough

LOCATION

Map	Geraldton	GPS	6795153.00	GPS	279504.000
Reference:	S.E.	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Pt. CG 77	Assess No.:	63789
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Store/Residence		
Current Use:	Not in use		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	No	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

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

Located on the south west corner of Company and McCartney Roads, this large two storey building has a smaller single storey structure adjoining the south side and remnants of garden walls to the south and west. The two storey section, constructed in Victorian Georgian style of random rubble limestone, has a hipped shingle roof with simple chimneys located to the south and east. The single storey structure has a gable roof with a two tier parapet wall to the east façade below which are large timber double doors. Windows to the two structures are symmetrically placed timber framed six pane and double hung. There are two timber entry doors to the north façade. A large flat masonry sign with a decorative border is located on the north side second storey. The lettering, barely visible, reads "H Gray & Co. Dealers in Imported Goods & Produce". A plaque, set on a concrete plinth is sited some 10 meters to the east of the building. The hipped roofs to both buildings have been re-shingled as part of National Trust conservation works and the interiors have been partially restored. The condition of the place is such that it could be occupied without apparently much more work and this may assist with its conservation.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1861	Source:	Palassis
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	Not available		

Gray's Store was constructed c1861 using ticket-of-leave labour. Henry Gray was an importer and trader whose store served the Greenough community who lived on the west side of the Greenough River. Most of the store's provisions came from overseas in sailing boats which docked at Dongara. The building was constructed in two stages and used as a house (two storey section) and a store/workshop (single storey). In 1890 Gray closed his Greenough operations and the following year the lease for the building was taken over by Mr A. Meadowcroft. It was used as a residence until the 1950s. The place was badly damaged by fire in 1975 and was largely reconstructed in the 1980s by the current owners, the National Trust of Australia (WA).

(Sources: Palassis Architects, "Greenough District Conservation Masterplan", 1995, pp.175, 213 & Greenough-Walkaway Heritage Trail)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	100 Demographic settlement and mobility 308 Commercial services and industries 603 Local heroes and battlers
AHC:	3.12.5 Retailing food and beverages 7.6.12 Conserving Australia's heritage

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Gray's Store has high historic significance given its connection to Henry Gray and the establishment of commerce on the Greenough Flats. Given its large size, prominent position and good condition, the building makes a high contribution to the built environment of the Greenough 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 (44), 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:

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Photographs:

GHS0634 store ruin (n.d.), GHS0952 store ruin (n.d.), GHS0953 front view (n.d.), GHS1581 store ruin (1967), GHS2551 store ruin (n.d.), GHS5200 store (c1870), GHS6615 store ruin (1969).

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos