

City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Greenough Place Number: 6 Category: 2

 Assessment Date:
 09/12/1997
 Last Revision Date:
 28/01/2005

 HCWA Number:
 13877
 Asset ID:
 MCH126704

PLACE DETAILS

Name: Bootenal Spring

Other Names: Brand Highway (west side)

Type of Place: Springer

Address: Brand Highway (west side)

Suburb: Greenough

LOCATION

Map Geraldton **GPS** 6801320.00 **GPS** 274193.000

Reference: S.E. Northing: 0000 Easting: 000



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SITE DETAILS

Lot No.: CG 107

Reserv No.: 1088 **Assess No.:** 63211

Dia/Plan: Vol/Fol:

USE OF PLACE

Original Use: Spring & Gaol

Current Use: Spring

Ownership:

Public Access: Yes Occupied: Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls: Not applicable Roof: Not applicable

Condition: Good Integrity:

Original fabric: Modifications:

The freshwater spring is located west of the Brand Highway, approximately 400 metres south of Bootenall Road. Located to the east of Bootenal Spring were the stone ruins of old buildings. All that remains are three heaps of stone.

2004/05 Review: The Shire of Greenough has established a gravel carpark at the site and plans to install interpretive signage to explain the aboriginal and early European setlement history of the area. The heaps of stone were not sighted.

HISTORY

Construction Date: Not **Source:** Owner

applicable

Architect: Not available Builder: Not available

The freshwater spring was a watering point for local aborigines and is believed to be the site of confrontations between local Aborigines and early settlers. According to local historian Stan Gratte, "Bootenall" is derived from the local Aboriginal word "Boolegnul" meaning pelican. Some stone buildings in the vicinity were demolished in 1922 by Arnold Armstrong and much of the stone was used for road construction. (Sources: Bain, M.A., "Ancient Landmarks" & Stan Gratte)

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Interpretive material is planned to tell the story of the Indigenous history and the impact of early European settlement.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 102 Aboriginal occupation

105 Exploration and surveying

AHC: 2.1 Living as Australia's earliest inhabitants

3.1 Exploring the coastline

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bootenal Spring has considerable historic significance for its association with early exploration of the area as well as early contact between settlers and Aborigines. The place also has high aesthetic significance, given the attractive setting and range of flora and fauna which exists there.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 2

Level of Significance: CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important

to the heritage of the locality.

Management Conservation of the place is highly

Recommendation: recommended. Any proposed change should

not unduly impact on the heritage values of the

place and should retain significant fabric

wherever feasible.

OTHER LISTINGS

Shire of Greenough - Town Planning Scheme (2), 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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