

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 8	Category: 3
Assessment Date: 22/09/1997	Last Revision Date: 28/01/2005	
HCWA Number: 1138	Asset ID: MCH126727	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	McNeece's Cottage
Other Names:	Brand Highway (east side)
Type of Place:	Ruin
Address:	Brand Highway (east side)
Suburb:	Greenough

LOCATION

Map	Geraldton	GPS	6802296.00	GPS	273855.000
Reference:	S.E.	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:
9/12/2004
Henkel
View of ruin looking east

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	CG G31	Assess No.:	63168
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

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

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Limestone	Roof:	Not applicable
Condition:	Not applicable	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

Located on the east side of the Brand Highway, 300 metres south of Scott Road, McNeece's Cottage is the ruins of a three roomed simple stone cottage. There is evidence that the walls were rendered and the building had a corrugated iron roof.

2004/05 Review: The stone walls show signs of further collapse, with vegetation growing out of the ruins.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1857	Source:	HCWA Database
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	Not available		

Surviving from the time of the allocation of 32 lots for Pensioner Guards in 1857, this cottage was the home of Tom McNeece for many years. Local sources claim that in the 1960s when Peter McNeece lived in the cottage, the Midland Bus (now Westrail) from Perth used to stop there, beep its horn and Peter's dog would run out to collect the newspaper.

The cottage has been vacant since the early 1970s and has fallen into a ruinous condition. See also Felix Devlin's Cottage [Place No. 1] and Kelly's Cottage. [Place No. 7]

(Source: Suba, T., "The Greenough Front Flats Bibliography of Local Sources and Table of Heritage Places", 1994 & C. & B. Sullivan)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	104 Land allocation and subdivision 302 Rural industry and market gardening 603 Local heroes and battlers
AHC:	2.4.2 Migrating to seek opportunity 8.11 Making Australian folklore 8.11.1 Celebrating folk heroes

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

McNeece's Cottage has considerable historic significance for its association with the Pensioner Guards who settled on the Greenough Flats in the 1860s and 1870s. Although in very poor condition, the place is representative of the simple style of construction that was prevalent in the area at this time. Furthermore, the cottage is evidence of the use of local materials.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	3
Level of Significance:	MODERATE SIGNIFICANCE: Important to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is recommended. Any proposed change to the place 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 (5), 01/01/1970
National Trust of WA - Classified, 05/09/1977
Australian Heritage Commission - Register, 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:
HCWA Database No. 1138.
AHC Database No. 009613.
Phillips, A. "Geraldton and beyond the bay", n.d., p.17.

Feilman, M., "Greenough Historical Survey of the Front Flats", 1977 (5).
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Table of Heritage Places", 1994.
Lloyd, M., "Mid West Heritage", 1999, p. 21.
Photographs:
GHS0633 cottage (c1967).

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos