

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 185	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 11/11/1996	Last Revision Date: 19/11/2009	
HCWA Number: 13282	Asset ID: MCH126885	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Recreation Ground
Other Names:	Cnr. Augustus & Francis Street
Type of Place:	Sports Ground
Address:	Cnr. Augustus & Francis Street
Suburb:	Beachlands

LOCATION

Map Reference: 14.14	GPS Northing: 6813958.00	GPS Easting: 266029.000
	GPS Northing: 0000	GPS Easting: 000



Photo Description:

16/01/2008

Rod Milne

General view of Recreation Ground with Grandstand.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	CG 142	Assess No.:	10326
Reserv No.:	277, 35989	Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Recreation Ground		
Current Use:	Recreation Ground		
Ownership:	City of Geraldton-Greenough		
Public Access:	Restricted	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

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

Fronting on to Augustus and Francis Streets, the recreation ground is surrounded by a tall wire fence and established trees including Moreton Bay Figs along Francis Street. To the west side there is a grandstand and outside seating. The Grandstand is a large structure with a concrete substructure, timber seating and a hipped corrugated iron roof with gablets on each end. There are changerooms to the rear.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1896	Source:	S. Gratte
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

The Recreation Ground was given to "the people of Geraldton" in a crown grant by Queen Victoria in 1896. It was used as a camping ground by the armed forces during the Second World War. The grandstand replaced an earlier one and was built c1940s. (Source: Stan Gratte) The Recreation Ground was used by evacuees from Carnarvon following a flood. (Source: Photographic Evidence, nd.)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	405 Sport, recreation and entertainment 310 Manufacturing and processing 605 Famous and infamous people
AHC:	8.1.1 Playing and watching organised sport 3.13 Developing an Australian manufacturing capacity 3.9 Farming for commercial profit

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Recreation Ground has high historic and social significance for its association with recreational activities in Geraldton such as agricultural shows and sporting events since the c.1860s. It has high aesthetic value which is enhanced by the surrounding mature trees. The Grandstand is held in high esteem by the local community and is typical of this type of structure for its era. The Grandstand is becoming increasingly rare as others located in regional areas are being upgraded and/or removed.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	2
Level of Significance:	CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is highly 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 (13), 01/01/1970
National Trust of WA - Classified, 01/01/1970
Heritage Council of WA - Register, 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:
HCWA Database No. 1165.
Blue Book, 1860

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Feilman, M., "Greenough Historical Survey of the Front Flats", 1977 (13).
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"The Story of Greenough Pioneer Museum", GHS n.d.

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

Lloyd, M., "Mid West Heritage", 1999, p. 19.

Photographs:

GHS0651 mill (1967), GHS2560 mill (n.d.), GHS6604 Maley's Mill (1969).

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

11/11/1996

Suba, Callow & Grundy

Recreation Ground Grandstand at centre with silos in distance.



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Recreation Ground Grandstand.