

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 128	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 30/09/1997	Last Revision Date: 09/03/2005	
HCWA Number: 1169	Asset ID: MCH127117	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Walkaway Public Hall
Other Names:	Padbury Road
Type of Place:	Hall
Address:	Padbury Road
Suburb:	Walkaway

LOCATION

Map	Walkaway	GPS	6796541.00	GPS	285780.000
Reference:	Townsite	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:

16/09/2004

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Walkaway Hall, north and west elevations

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 144	Assess No.:	63761
Reserv No.:	7719	Vol/Fol:	LR3152/690
Dia/Plan:	152331		

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Hall		
Current Use:	Hall		
Ownership:	Education Department		
Public Access:	Restricted	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Limestone	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Poor	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Highly intact		
Modifications:			

The Walkaway Public Hall is a large rectangular building of stone construction with a corrugated iron gable roof. The front (west) facade, which is a later addition, is rendered and features the raised lettering "PUBLIC HALL" to the gable end. To the side elevations window and door openings are enhanced by brick quoining. Two of the original windows to the sides have been altered to become doors. There is a corrugated iron clad lean-to at the rear. The original hall was very similar in design to St. Catherine's Hall at Central Greenough [Place No. 33] and the Bootenal Agricultural Hall (Place No. 91).

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1901	Source:	Gary Martin
Architect:	Howard Evans		
Builder:	Gallon & Sage		

The Walkaway Hall was to be the same size and description as St Catherine's at Central Greenough (Place No. 33), however with a few improvements suggested by the architect Howard Evans. Messrs Gallon and Sage's tender of £330 was accepted, the price being dependant upon the community supplying all the stone and sand. The Walkaway Hall was opened by the Hon R.W. Pennefather, attended by the Geraldton Temperance Brass Band, on 22 October 1901. It served as a centre for

social functions for many years and was the venue for dances, concerts, flower shows, weekly Catholic Mass, Oddfellows Lodge, Police and Citizens, and Country Women's Association meetings. Anglican services were held in the hall prior to the construction of the Holy Trinity Church in 1903 [Place No. 148]. In 1920 the front porch section of the hall was added in memory of those who fought in WWI. The addition was undertaken by Mr Bennett. A memorial plaque on the building reads: "This stone was laid by Mrs M.J. Logue on 3rd day of January 1920 to commemorate the termination of the Great War 1914-18." In 1983 the Walkaway Recreation Hall was opened and the old hall fell into disuse until 1991 when a small group of volunteers restored the building for the benefit of the local community.

(Sources: Greenough-Walkaway Heritage Trail & Gary Martin, "Public Halls on the Greenough Flats", Greenough River Gazette, June 1998, p.10)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	400 Social and civic activities 407 Cultural activities 406 Religion
AHC:	8.1 Organising recreation 8.5.4 Pursuing common leisure interests 8.6 Worshipping

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Walkaway Public Hall has high historic and social significance given its use as a community hall for over ninety years. Although altered, the building remains a good example of a community hall, and has considerable aesthetic appeal which is enhanced by the use of local stone. The hall is an important element of the built heritage of Walkaway and the Greenough district.

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

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:

HCWA Database No. 1169.

Greenough-Walkaway Heritage Trail.

"Walkaway recycles old hall as youth centre" The Geraldton Guardian
3/07/1992.

Martin, G., "Public Halls on the Greenough Flats", Greenough River
Gazette, June 1998.

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos