

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 133	Category: 4
Assessment Date: 30/09/1997	Last Revision Date: 29/03/2005	
HCWA Number: 13910	Asset ID: MCH127134	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Greenough Railway Bridge
Other Names:	South west of Walkaway
Type of Place:	Bridge
Address:	South west of Walkaway
Suburb:	Walkaway

LOCATION

Map	Walkaway	GPS	6795428.00	GPS	284708.000
Reference:	S.W.	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:
29/03/2005
Daemeon and Martin
View of bridge, looking east

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 9642	Assess No.:	A671
Reserv No.:	Railway Reserve	Vol/Fol:	2170/791
Dia/Plan:	159498		

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Bridge		
Current Use:	Bridge		
Ownership:	The Trustees of the Christian Brothers		
Public Access:	Yes	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Concrete/Stone	Roof:	Steel/Timber
Condition:	Poor	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Largely intact		
Modifications:			

Located south-west of the Walkaway Townsite, the railway bridge spans the mostly dry bed of the Greenough River. Five concrete faced stone piers support a steel and timber superstructure.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1886	Source:	Victorian Express 28/08/1886
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	Not available		

With work nearing completion on the Geraldton-Walkaway Government Railway, construction commenced on the private line running to Dongara. An article in the Victorian Express of 28/08/1886 states, "The Greenough River is crossed at a height of fifteen feet, the bridge being supported by stone pillars and iron girders." The Midland Railway Company line between Guildford and Walkaway opened in 1894 and provided a vital transport link for the region.

(Source: Considine & Griffiths Architects, "Walkaway Railway Station Precinct Conservation Plan", Perth, 1996)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	200 Transport and communications 202 Rail and light rail transport 605 Famous and infamous people
AHC:	3.8.5 Moving goods and people on land 3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways 6.3 Training people for workplace skills

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The railway bridge has some historic significance for its connection with rail transport in the district from the late 1880s. The place is situated in a picturesque location across the Greenough River.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	4
Level of Significance:	SOME SIGNIFICANCE: Contributes to the heritage and/or historical development of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is desirable. Any proposed change to the place should be in sympathy with the heritage values of the place.

OTHER LISTINGS

Heritage Council of WA - Register, 20/10/2000

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:
"The Geraldton-Greenough and Midland Railways" Victorian Express 28/08/1886.
Considine & Griffiths Architects, "Walkaway Railway Station Precinct Conservation Plan", Perth, 1996.
HCWA Database No. 13910.

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos