

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 147	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 30/09/1997	Last Revision Date: 09/03/2005	
HCWA Number: 13923	Asset ID: MCH126918	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Fmr Back Flats State School
Other Names:	Old Walkaway School
Type of Place:	School
Address:	Walkaway-Nangetty Road (south side)
Suburb:	Walkaway

LOCATION

Map	Walkaway	GPS	6796650.00	GPS	286678.000
Reference:	Townsite	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



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North and east elevations

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 576	Assess No.:	63009
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

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

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Limestone	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Fair	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

Located on the east bank of the Greenough River on the eastern outskirts of the Walkaway Townsite, this simple stone building has a gable corrugated iron roof. There is an air vent to the roof apex and a high skylight to the west section of the roof, which is possibly a later alteration. The east elevation features three timber framed four pane double hung windows. The stonework is lightly pointed with shallow arches enhancing the tops of the window openings. There is a chimney to the south end. Immediately to the west of the school building is a stone outhouse.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1870	Source:	Heritage Trail
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	Not available		

The Back Flats State School was built in c1870. A one-teacher school, the building also served as living quarters for the teacher until the adjacent house was built in 1898 [Place No. 123]. By 1966 both the need to expand and the unsuitability of the site due to frequent floods, necessitated relocation and the building of the new Walkaway Primary School. (Source: Greenough-Walkaway Heritage Trail)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	402 Education and science 400 Social and civic activities 503 Natural disasters
AHC:	6.5 Educating people in remote places 3.16.1 Dealing with hazards and disasters

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Former Back Flats School has considerable historic significance for its close association with education in the district for over ninety years. The place has considerable aesthetic appeal given its compact scale, simple form, use of local materials and picturesque location on the banks of the Greenough River. Together with the adjacent former school teacher's residence and the Holy Trinity Church, the old school building makes an important contribution to the built environment of 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

Shire of Greenough - Town Planning Scheme (44), 01/01/1970
National Trust of WA - Classified, 01/01/1970
Australian Heritage Commission - Register, 01/01/1970
Heritage Council of WA - Register, 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:
Greenough-Walkaway Heritage Trail.
HCWA Database No. 13923.

Extra photo inserted

OTHER PHOTOS



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West façade of stone school building