

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 176	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 09/12/1997	Last Revision Date: 15/11/2004	
HCWA Number: 13941	Asset ID: MCH127024	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Dr Foley's Olive Tree
Other Names:	Honeysuckle Boulevard
Type of Place:	Tree
Address:	Honeysuckle Boulevard
Suburb:	Strathalbyn

LOCATION

Map Reference: 17.17	GPS Northing: 6816960.00	GPS Easting: 270473.000
	GPS Northing: 0000	GPS Easting: 000



Photo Description:

15/11/2004
Henkel
Large olive tree

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 7 of VL 1296	Assess No.:	69366
Reserv No.:	42580	Vol/Fol:	1197/970
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Tree		
Current Use:	Tree		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Yes	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

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

Located at the end of Honeysuckle Boulevard in the suburb of Woorree, this large old olive tree is on the south bank of the Chapman River. It is believed that Dr Foley's cottage was located nearby. The tree needs ongoing care from a tree surgeon as it has suffered at the hands of wood turners who have cut off limbs for their work and bee infestation.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1852	Source:	Stan Gratte
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	Not available		

It is believed that the olive tree was planted by Dr T. Foley in 1852. Dr Foley was born in 1840 and was a surgeon to the 24th Regiment. He came to Geraldton in c1850 as the surgeon for the 99th Regiment, becoming Geraldton's first doctor. Following the first survey of the Geraldton area in 1850 by Augustus Gregory, Dr Foley took up Lot 13 consisting of 17 acres. Dr Foley also built a small cottage approximately 20 metres south-east of the tree, however this was demolished in the 1960s by Tom Muir, who was then the owner of the property and the adjoining 'Sunnybanks Farm'. The land is currently owned by the Rowan family.
(Source: Gratte, S., "Doctor Foley's Tree", "Heritage Views" February 1998)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	500 Outside influences 605 Famous and infamous people 605 Famous and infamous people
AHC:	8.10.5 Advancing knowledge in science and technology 3.5 Developing primary production 3.5.1 Grazing stock

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dr Foley's Olive Tree has high historic significance for its association with Dr Foley, well known early identity in the district. Further it is a rare remaining example of an introduced plant species from the beginnings of settlement in the area. The tree is an important part of the history of the Greenough Shire.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	1
Level of Significance:	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is considered essential. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the significance of the place and be in accordance with either a Conservation Plan or Heritage Impact Statement.

OTHER LISTINGS

National Trust of WA - Classified, 01/01/1970
Heritage Council of WA - Register, 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:
Gratte, S., "Doctor Foley's Tree", "Heritage Views", February 1998.
HCWA Database No. 13941.
Additional photo inserted.

OTHER PHOTOS
No other photos