

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 20	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 23/09/1997	Last Revision Date: 28/01/2005	
HCWA Number: 1149	Asset ID: MCH126764	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Raphoe
Other Names:	Brand Highway (west side)
Type of Place:	Ruin
Address:	Brand Highway (west side)
Suburb:	Greenough

LOCATION

Map	Geraldton	GPS	6797539.00	GPS	277108.000
Reference:	S.E.	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



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Raphoe, ballroom to south of two storey section

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	CG 94	Assess No.:	63214
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

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

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Limestone/Brick	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Not applicable	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

Raphoe comprises a collection of limestone buildings with a walled garden, approximately 1.2m high said to have been built as a barrier against the flooding Greenough River. The place is now almost in a state of irretrievable ruin but could be salvaged and conserved with urgent repairs and considerable money to restore it. The process of deterioration could be slowed down by the removal of invasive vegetation, urgent roof repairs and exclusion of stock.

2004/05 Review: Further deterioration of the buildings was caused when a fire went through in recent years.

The main residence is a simple Victorian-Georgian style building built in the mid to late 1800's. It was possibly built in several stages, with the centre section of the residence being two storey between single storey sections on each end forming an 'H' shaped floor plan overall. The centre wing has a single room either side of a central passage/hall with access to the 1st floor via an external timber stair on the rear (east) verandah/balcony. The stair and balcony are all now in a state of collapse. The verandah/balcony running across the face of the centre wing connects with the two single storey wings to provide the main means of access which is generally all external. The southern wing has one large living room (or ballroom) running from the front to the rear verandah. A single room with fireplace has been added to this wing to extend it to the east. The northern wing has two large rooms of brick construction with connecting doors and back to back fireplaces. Internally the stone walls generally are rendered

and ceilings to the ground floor are pressed metal whilst the 1st floor has lathe and plaster raking ceilings on the underside of the roof members. The tripped corrugated iron roof was originally shingled and these are exposed where several sheets of corrugated iron have blown off over the two storey section. Some of the walls are beginning to crumble and the timber floors have been removed or destroyed by stock. Within the walled garden, there are several outbuildings, probably originally used as external kitchen and staff quarters. The remains of a small cottage are located just outside the walled area to the south.

HISTORY

Construction Date: 1860 **Source:** GFF Survey
Architect: Not available
Builder: Not available

Thomas Duncan, who migrated from Raphoe (pronounced Ra-foe) in Northern Ireland, settled in the Greenough District where he met and married Isabella Pearson. In 1858 Thomas Duncan operated a small horse drawn mill for grinding locally grown grain, probably on one of four blocks, Nos 91-94. Lot No. 94 became the site of the Raphoe Homestead. He built a two-roomed cottage with a thatched roof which he named after his home town. Thomas and Isabella Duncan had a family of eight children, four boys and four girls. Following Thomas's death Isabella moved to the newly built Rose Cottage [Place No. 19], leaving her eldest son David and his new wife to run Raphoe. The property remained in the Duncan family until 1970 when it was purchased by Peter Rudduck. (Sources: Burges to Colonial Secretary, September 3 1858. CSR 413/81, Red Book No. 539, pp. 18 & 22, Ducas, I., "They Came to Greenough", pp.9-10 & Geraldton Camera Club, "Homesteads of the MidWest")

HISTORIC THEMES

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Raphoe, whilst in a virtually ruinous condition, has high significance

aesthetically, socially and historically as a substantial property on the front flats that illustrates the variety and substance of the rural lifestyle of the district dating from the mid-late 1800s. Further the place is closely associated with the Duncan Family, having been in their ownership for over 100 years. Raphoe is a substantial residence and is one of only a few two-storey houses in the 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 (16), 01/01/1970
National Trust of WA - Classified, 01/01/1970
Australian Heritage Commission - Register, 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography: HCWA Database No. 1149. AHC Database No. 009616. Feilman, M., "Greenough Historical Survey of the Front Flats", 1977 (16). Ducas, I., "They Came to Greenough", 1980, p.9. Suba, T., "The Greenough Front Flats Bibliography of Local Sources and Table of Heritage Places", 1994. Geraldton Camera Club, "Homesteads of the MidWest", 1997.
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