

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 222	Category: 3
Assessment Date: 09/12/2005	Last Revision Date: 15/03/2010	
HCWA Number: 13771	Asset ID: MCH126839	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Meru Railway Siding site
Other Names:	Meru Railway Siding
Type of Place:	Staging Post/Railway Siding
Address:	Edward Road
Suburb:	Utakarra

LOCATION

Map	Geraldton	GPS	6813561.00	GPS	275004.000
Reference:	N.E.	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:

7/12/2005

Martin

siding viewed from the north

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 1046	Assess No.:	10418
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Railway Siding		
Current Use:	Not in use		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Yes	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

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

The Meru siding consists of a platform built from two parallel limestone walls up to 1 metre in height. There is evidence on the platform of 4 interconnecting stone walls 6 metres apart. The spaces between these walls has been filled with gravel. The west wall shows evidence of squared mortar. The platform is now 4 metres from the existing railway track, of which 75 metres remain in place.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1886	Source:	Victorian Express 7 August 1886
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Edward Keane		

This platform was built as part of the Geraldton-Walkaway railway line in 1886. At that time it was hoped the siding would later become an important suburban station. The platform served as the siding for the Geraldton Race Course from 1887 to c1922. The section of railway line between Meru and Geraldton was removed in 2005.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	202 Rail and light rail transport 404 Community services and utilities
AHC:	2.5 Promoting settlement 3.8.6 Building and maintaining railways

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Meru railway siding has historic significance for its connection with rail transport in the district from the late 1880s. With the removal of the original railway track between Meru and Geraldton this site is now a significant indicator of the former location of that track. The site also has important social significance for its use in conjunction with the nearby former Victoria Turf Club site.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	3
Level of Significance:	MODERATE SIGNIFICANCE: Important to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is recommended. Any proposed change to the place 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

Victorian Express, 7 August 1886.
Eves, M., The Geraldton Cup 1886-1976, (1998).

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos