

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 33	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 23/09/1997	Last Revision Date: 19/04/2005	
HCWA Number: 1160	Asset ID: MCH126807	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	St Catherine's Hall
Other Names:	Gregory Road (East side) (formerly called Clinch Place)
Type of Place:	Hall
Address:	Gregory Road (East side) (formerly called Clinch Place)
Suburb:	Greenough

LOCATION

Map Reference: Geraldton S.E.	GPS Northing: 6796318.00 0000	GPS Easting: 280030.000 000
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Photo Description:

19/04/2005

Martin

Hall viewed from the north west

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	CG 848	Assess No.:	63159
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Hall		
Current Use:	Hall		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Restricted	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Limestone	Roof:	Colorbond
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

St Catherine's Hall is located to the east side of Brand Highway at the north end of Central Greenought. This simple rectangular hall is built in Victorian Georgian style of locally quarried limestone with red brick quoins to openings and corners. The place has a gable colorbond roof and a stone entry porch to the west façade. Entry is via five timber steps to a timber deck located on the north side of the entry porch. A small circular timber louvered vent is set below the apex of the west gable end and below is a painted sign : "ST CATHERINE'S HALL". Three arched window openings to the north and south facades contain four pane double hung windows. Matching style windows are located each side of and in the centre of the porch west façade. To the rear, a colorbond clad timber framed lean-to serves as a kitchen for the hall.

2004/05 Review: The stage has since been replaced in the hall. Further interior conservation work took place along with provision of Interpretation Displays in April 2005.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1898	Source:	G. Martin
Architect:	Thomas Whitney		
Builder:	Not available		

The Rev. Harston was one of the first supporters for a public hall at Central

Greenough. He had been responsible for the construction of St Catherine's Church in 1892. [Place No. 56] For several years the nearby Temperance Lodge was renamed St Catherine's Hall and used for social gatherings. [Place No. 51] A.C. & W.R. Clinch made a block of land available to the north of the Government buildings and tenders were called to build a hall to the specifications of plans drawn up by Thomas Whitney, a Perth architect, in 1893. Construction of the new hall at Central Greenough did not commence until 1898 due to lack of finances. St Catherine's Hall was officially opened on 4 May 1898 with a concert and a dance, the music being supplied by the Geraldton Orchestra. Once opened it proved a popular venue for social functions such as dances, parties, wedding receptions, ratepayers' meetings, political meetings, school concerts, public lectures, badminton and the annual flower shows. A piano was purchased, and in 1901 the hall was extended by the building of a porch. During the 1930s the hall was used as a school. St Catherine's Hall has been restored by the National Trust of Australia (WA) and is still available for community use. (Sources: Gary Martin, "Public Halls on the Greenough Flats", Greenough River Gazette, June 1998, p.10 & Palassis Architects, "Greenough District Conservation Masterplan", 1995, pp.203 & 206)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	405 Sport, recreation and entertainment 402 Education and science
AHC:	8.1 Organising recreation 6.5 Educating people in remote places 7.6.12 Conserving Australia's heritage

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St Catherine's Hall has high historic and social significance given its use as a community hall for over 90 years. The place has considerable aesthetic appeal due in part to its high integrity, good condition and is a good example of a church hall and community meeting place. Together with other buildings in Central Greenough, St Catherine's Hall forms an integral part of a unique historic precinct.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	1
Level of Significance:	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the

**Management
Recommendation:**

heritage of the locality.
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

Shire of Greenough - Town Planning Scheme (29), 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:
HCWA Database No. 1160.
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Ducas, I., "They Came to Greenough," 1980, pp. 41-2.
Suba, T., "The Greenough Front Flats Bibliography of Local Sources and Table of Heritage Places", 1994.
Palassis Architects, "Greenough District Conservation Masterplan", 1995.
Martin, G., "Public Halls on the Greenough Flats", Greenough River Gazette, June 1998.
Lloyd, M., "Mid West Heritage", 1999, p. 15.
Photographs:
GHS0966 hall (n.d.)

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos