

<b>Area:</b> Greenough	<b>Place Number:</b> 37	<b>Category:</b> 1
<b>Assessment Date:</b> 23/09/1997	<b>Last Revision Date:</b> 19/04/2005	
<b>HCWA Number:</b> 1157	<b>Asset ID:</b> MCH126848	

### PLACE DETAILS

<b>Name:</b>	Police Station & Lock-up
<b>Other Names:</b>	Government Buildings
<b>Type of Place:</b>	Courthouse etc
<b>Address:</b>	Gregory Road (East side) (formerly called Clinch Place)
<b>Suburb:</b>	Greenough

### LOCATION

<b>Map Reference:</b> Geraldton S.E.	<b>GPS Northing:</b> 6796231.00 0000	<b>GPS Easting:</b> 280110.000 000
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**Photo Description:**  
19/04/2005  
Martin  
south and west facades

## SITE DETAILS

<b>Lot No.:</b>	CG 10593	<b>Assess No.:</b>	63484
<b>Reserv No.:</b>		<b>Vol/Fol:</b>	
<b>Dia/Plan:</b>			

## USE OF PLACE

<b>Original Use:</b>	Courthouse etc		
<b>Current Use:</b>	Heritage Place		
<b>Ownership:</b>			
<b>Public Access:</b>	Yes	<b>Occupied:</b>	Not Occupied

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Walls:</b>	Limestone	<b>Roof:</b>	Shingle
<b>Condition:</b>	Poor	<b>Integrity:</b>	
<b>Original fabric:</b>			
<b>Modifications:</b>			

COURTHOUSE, POLICE STATION, QUARTERS, GAOL AND POST OFFICE  
Built of locally quarried limewashed limestone, this large L-shaped building has a steeply pitched hipped shingle roof. A separate verandah to the west and south sides also has a hipped shingle roof, which is supported on chamfered timber posts. To the south side, a skillion shingle roof extends to cover an addition, which was the post office. To the east end of the main building, high stone walls surround an exercise yard. A low stone wall forms an enclosed garden area to the (front) west side of the building. The front windows are double hung six pane and entry to the court room is via large double timber entry doors. To the rear, a skillion to the east side extends from the rear main roof and is punctuated by two large stone chimneys. Windows to the rear are eight pane casement style with plank entry doors. The gaol to the south has small barred windows set just below the eaves, and a single plank entry door.

### STABLES

Set behind the main building the stables are of stone construction with a corrugated iron gable roof. Four barred openings are set high in the walls and between them there are two wide double timber entry doors. The main buildings and the stables form the three sides of the rear courtyard; a stone wall to the north completes the yard. There is a stone lined well in the centre of the yard.

## HISTORY

**Construction Date:** 1870                      **Source:** Palassis  
**Architect:** Not available  
**Builder:** J. Nunan & H.F. Brophy

The first resident magistrate in Greenough, Maitland Brown, was appointed in 1866. In 1870, work started on the lock-up, police station, courthouse and living quarters. Early drawings indicate a substantial structure with rear stabling facilities. The builder was J. Nunan and H.F. Brophy and the cost was £1,500. In 1874, a post and telegraph office was built by Richard Lucas, abutting the south wall of the lock-up area. After the Central Greenough School (Place No.39) closed, the school teacher's quarters were occupied by the Greenough Road Board secretary up until 1952. The police station ceased operating on 10/12/1930. The Cants moved into the Police Sergeant's quarters and ran a store in the Court Room until c1934. The next inhabitants were George and Gladys Connolly who looked after the Post Office (Place No. 38) until it closed in 1970. The Maguires then lived in the building until it was purchased by the National Trust of Australia (WA).  
(Sources: Gary Martin & Palassis Architects, "Greenough District Conservation Masterplan", 1995, p.205)

## HISTORIC THEMES

**HCWA:**                      403 Law and order  
                                    103 Racial contact and interaction  
                                    404 Community services and utilities  
**AHC:**                        7.6.3 Policing Australia  
                                    3.7.1 Establishing postal services  
                                    7.6.12 Conserving Australia's heritage

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Government Buildings has high historic significance given its connection to the early administration of the Greenough Flats, in particular the maintenance of law and order and communications. Given the building's good condition and high integrity, the place is a good example of government facilities built to administer the colonial justice system. Together with other buildings in Central Greenough, the Courthouse, Police Station, Gaol and Post Office is an important component of the built environment of Central Greenough and the Greenough Flats as a whole.

## MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

<b>Management Category:</b>	1
<b>Level of Significance:</b>	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the heritage of the locality.
<b>Management Recommendation:</b>	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 (32), 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
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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography: HCWA Database No. 1157. AHC Database No. 009609. Rohan, P., & Wilson, H.H., "Geraldton Sketchbook", 1976, p. 34. Ahearn, M.E., "I Remember," 1977. Feilman, M., "Greenough Historical Survey of the Front Flats", 1977 (32). Shardlow, R., & Hasluck, A., "National Trust of Western Australia Sketchbook", 1978, pp.36-7. Suba, T., "The Greenough Front Flats Bibliography of Local Sources and Table of Heritage Places", 1994. Palassis Architects, "Greenough District Conservation Masterplan", 1995. Photographs: GHS0650 post office (1967), GHS4998 Police station (1926).
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## OTHER PHOTOS



**Photo Description:**

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East Elevation



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west elevation of stables