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| Area: Greenough | Place Number: 5 | Category: 3 |
| Assessment Date: 09/12/1997 | Last Revision Date: 09/12/2004 | |
| HCWA Number: 4454 | Asset ID: MCH126699 | |

PLACE DETAILS

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| Name: | Greenough River |
| Other Names: | 105 Gregory Street |
| Type of Place: | River |
| Address: | 105 Gregory Street |
| Suburb: | Cape Burney |

LOCATION

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| Map | Geraldton | GPS | 6804736.00 | GPS | 269517.000 |
| Reference: | S.E. | Northing: | 0000 | Easting: | 000 |



Photo Description:

Unknown
View of the rivermouth.

SITE DETAILS

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| Lot No.: | Lot 14 | Assess No.: | 11056 |
| Reserv No.: | | Vol/Fol: | |
| Dia/Plan: | | | |

USE OF PLACE

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| Original Use: | River | | |
| Current Use: | River | | |
| Ownership: | | | |
| Public Access: | Yes | Occupied: | Not Occupied |

DESCRIPTION

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| Walls: | Not applicable | Roof: | Not applicable |
| Condition: | Poor | Integrity: | |
| Original fabric: | | | |
| Modifications: | | | |

The Greenough River forms an integral part of the Greenough landscape, most noticeably along the Front Flats and at the river mouth. The mainly dry river has a number of pools, including Bootenal Spring [Place No. 6], but closer to the river mouth forms into a picturesque watercourse which is home to a wide variety of water birds and estuarine vegetation. Except when the river is in flood, a sand bank forms a barrier between the Greenough River and the Indian Ocean. The Greenough River mouth is a popular recreational area for fishermen, water skiers, 4 wheel drivers and picnickers

HISTORY

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| Construction Date: | Not applicable | Source: | |
| Architect: | Not available | | |
| Builder: | Not available | | |

The Greenough River was discovered by Lt. George Grey in 1839 during his overland trek to the Swan River Colony after being shipwrecked at Gantheume Bay. The river is named after George Greenough, President of the Royal Geographic Society. The Greenough River has flooded on a number of occasions, most notably in 1888 which caused considerable damage to buildings, disastrous crop losses and some loss of life. Levy banks have been formed to prevent widespread flooding of the Front

Flats.

(Source: Bain, M.A., "Ancient Landmarks")

HISTORIC THEMES

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| HCWA: | 105 Exploration and surveying 605 Famous and infamous people |
| AHC: | 3.1 Exploring the coastline 3.3.4 Looking for land with agricultural potential 3.11.1 Regulating waterways |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Greenough River has considerable historic significance for its association with early exploration of the area, in particular Lt George Grey's 1839 expedition, as well as early contact between settlers and Aborigines. The flooding of the Greenough River has had an enormous impact on the development of the Greenough Flats. The place also has high aesthetic significance, given the attractive setting and range of flora and fauna which exists there. The river is held in high esteem by the local community and provides for a popular recreational destination.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

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| 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

Bibliography:

Bain, M.A., "Ancient Landmarks", UWA Press, 1975.

HCWA Database No. 04454.

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos