

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 52	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 16/12/1997	Last Revision Date: 09/02/2005	
HCWA Number: 1166	Asset ID: MCH126915	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Convict Bridge
Other Names:	Maley's Bridge
Type of Place:	Bridge
Address:	McCartney Road
Suburb:	Greenough

LOCATION

Map	Geraldton	GPS	6795627.00	GPS	279933.000
Reference:	S.E.	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:

16/09/2004

Henkel

View of Maley's bridge looking north

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Part Lot CG 85	Assess No.:	63594
Reserv No.:	Road Reserve	Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:	231869		

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Bridge		
Current Use:	Bridge		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Yes	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

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

This bridge is the crossing point of McCartney Road across the Greenough River. The bridge has a timber deck, rails and supports set on four stone piers. There are stone walls to the west and east forming the approaches to the bridge which feature a unique capping of small rocks placed vertically in mortar. To the east of the bridge are low sloping stone walls, approximately 70 metres in length, which gradually rise to the same height as the bridge rail.

2004/05 Review: The stone approach walls have deteriorated and require urgent work.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1864	Source:	Palassis
Architect:	John S. Maley		
Builder:	Convict Labour		

This bridge was possibly designed by John S. Maley of Home Cottage (Place No. 16). Construction of the Convict Bridge commenced in 1864 but was not completed until 1866. The bridge formed an important link between the Greenough Flats communities on the east and west sides of the Greenough River. Greenough Road Board minutes in 1905 indicate that repairs were made to the bridge with old timber used to establish a shelter on McCartney Beach Road.

(Source: Palassis Architects, "Greenough District Conservation Masterplan", 1995, pp.182-3 & 214 & Greenough-Walkaway Heritage Trail)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	200 Transport and communications 602 Early settlers 602 Early settlers
AHC:	3.8 Moving goods and people 3.8.7 Building and maintaining roads

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Maley's Bridge, also known as the Convict Bridge, has very high historic significance for its connection to the development of the Greenough district, in particular for its role in linking the east and west Greenough communities. Further the place is associated with well known Greenough identity, J.S. Maley and is an example of a convict built structure. It is an important element of the built fabric of the Greenough Flats.

RECOMMENDATION:

The growth of tobacco bush and other vegetation needs to be controlled so as not to effect the built fabric of the bridge.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	1
Level of Significance:	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	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 (46), 01/01/1970
National Trust of WA - Classified, 01/01/1970
Australian Heritage Commission - Register, 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:

HCWA Database No. 1166.

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"Floods put old bridge at risk," The Geraldton Guardian 5/05/1994.

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Photographs:

GHS0653 bridge (1967), GHS0655 bridge (n.d.). GHS4956 bridge (1926).

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

2/02/2006

Lancaster

View looking South at flood damaged section of Bridge



Photo Description:
20/12/1999
Lancaster
View looking North