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| <b>Area:</b> Greenough             | <b>Place Number:</b> 53               | <b>Category:</b> 2 |
| <b>Assessment Date:</b> 16/12/1997 | <b>Last Revision Date:</b> 09/02/2005 |                    |
| <b>HCWA Number:</b> 3753           | <b>Asset ID:</b> MCH126916            |                    |

### PLACE DETAILS

|                       |                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Name:</b>          | Ahearn Cottage              |
| <b>Other Names:</b>   | Bridge Cottage              |
| <b>Type of Place:</b> | Cottage                     |
| <b>Address:</b>       | McCartney Road (south side) |
| <b>Suburb:</b>        | Greenough                   |

### LOCATION

|                   |           |                  |            |                 |            |
|-------------------|-----------|------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| <b>Map</b>        | Geraldton | <b>GPS</b>       | 6795691.00 | <b>GPS</b>      | 280025.000 |
| <b>Reference:</b> | S.E.      | <b>Northing:</b> | 0000       | <b>Easting:</b> | 000        |



**Photo Description:**

9/12/2004

Henkel

Front (north) elevation

## SITE DETAILS

|                    |        |                    |       |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------|-------|
| <b>Lot No.:</b>    | CG 160 | <b>Assess No.:</b> | 63002 |
| <b>Reserv No.:</b> |        | <b>Vol/Fol:</b>    |       |
| <b>Dia/Plan:</b>   |        |                    |       |

## USE OF PLACE

|                       |            |                  |              |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Original Use:</b>  | Residence  |                  |              |
| <b>Current Use:</b>   | Not in use |                  |              |
| <b>Ownership:</b>     |            |                  |              |
| <b>Public Access:</b> | No         | <b>Occupied:</b> | Not Occupied |

## DESCRIPTION

|                         |           |                   |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Walls:</b>           | Limestone | <b>Roof:</b>      | Corrugated Iron |
| <b>Condition:</b>       | Good      | <b>Integrity:</b> |                 |
| <b>Original fabric:</b> |           |                   |                 |
| <b>Modifications:</b>   |           |                   |                 |

Located immediately to the east of Maley's Bridge [Place No. 52] and the Greenough River, Ahearn Cottage is a small and simple two-roomed stone building with a steeply pitched gable corrugated iron roof. There is a separate verandah to the front (north) elevation and the rear lean-to is enclosed with corrugated iron and fibro cladding. A small corrugated iron extension to the east accommodates the kitchen. The cottage has timber framed casement windows.

2004/05 Review: A new brushwood fence has been installed to the front property boundary and the garden has been tidied up considerably since the last inspection, revealing more of the front elevation of the cottage.

## HISTORY

|                           |                |                |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Construction Date:</b> | 1864           | <b>Source:</b> | Heritage Trail |
| <b>Architect:</b>         | Not available  |                |                |
| <b>Builder:</b>           | Convict Labour |                |                |

L.C. Burges took up the title to VL 160 in 1858 and then sold the land to Titus Russ in 1864. In October 1871 it was recorded that there was a cottage on the property owned by Mr Russ. It is believed that this two-roomed cottage was built around 1864 by 'ticket-of-leave' convict labour and used as an office while the adjacent Convict Bridge was under construction. Mrs Mary Raynor lived in the cottage c1904-1914. In about

1930 the cottage became the home of the Ahearn family, who owned the place for many years.  
(Sources: Greenough-Walkaway Heritage Trail and Gary Martin)

## HISTORIC THEMES

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|--------------|--|
| <b>HCWA:</b> | 100 Demographic settlement and mobility<br>602 Early settlers<br>603 Local heroes and battlers |
| <b>AHC:</b>  | 8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements   |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ahearn Cottage has considerable historic significance for its association with the construction of the adjacent Maley's Bridge and as an example of convict built structures on the Greenough Flats. The place has a high degree of aesthetic appeal given its simple form, use of local materials, high integrity and picturesque setting on the bank of the Greenough River. The place is an essential element of the built fabric of the locale.

## MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Management Category:</b>       | 2   |
| <b>Level of Significance:</b>     | CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important to the heritage of the locality.  |
| <b>Management Recommendation:</b> | Conservation of the place is highly recommended. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the heritage values of the place and should retain significant fabric wherever feasible. |

## OTHER LISTINGS

Shire of Greenough - Town Planning Scheme (47), 01/01/1970  
National Trust of WA - Recorded, 01/01/1970

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:

Ahearn, M.E., "I Remember," 1977.  
Feilman, M., "Greenough Historical Survey of the Front Flats", 1977 (47).  
Greenough-Walkaway Heritage Trail.  
Suba, T., "The Greenough Front Flats Bibliography of Local Sources and  
Table of Heritage Places", 1994.  
HCWA Database No. 3753.

## **OTHER PHOTOS**

No other photos