

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 72	Category: 3
Assessment Date: 12/11/1997	Last Revision Date: 09/03/2005	
HCWA Number: 13993	Asset ID: MCH127042	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Black Swan Cottage
Other Names:	Desmond's Cottage
Type of Place:	Cottage
Address:	Brand Highway (north side)
Suburb:	South Greenough

LOCATION

Map	Walkaway	GPS	6792210.00	GPS	283604.000
Reference:	S.W.	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



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Front (east) elevation of cottage

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 1 of CG 251	Assess No.:	63081
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Residence		
Current Use:	Residence		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	No	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Limestone	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Fair	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

Located in the middle of the 'S Bend' on the Brand Highway, this stone cottage has a gable corrugated iron roof which extends, broken back, to cover the verandah to the east. There is a separate hipped roof to the north and a lean-to the west. Windows are timber framed and double hung. The cottage is surrounded by several established trees.

2004/05 Review: New owners have tidied up the site considerably and built a new shed to the rear of the block. The roof of the house has been painted blue.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1860	Source:	GFF Survey
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	Not available		

Denis Desmond took up the title to this place in 1865 and built the cottage. Denis died in 1877 and ownership was transferred to his wife Mary and son James. Dennis, Mary and James Desmond are buried in the Walkaway Cemetery (Place No. 70). By 1914 the property was owned by James Reynolds. Restoration of the cottage was undertaken by Peter Foster in the 1970s. (Source: Gary Martin)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	100 Demographic settlement and mobility 302 Rural industry and market gardening 603 Local heroes and battlers
AHC:	8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Desmond's Cottage has some historic significance for its association with the settlement of the Greenough Flats in the 1860s. The place is representative of the type of construction of the time - it being small in scale, simple in style and incorporating local stone. Prominently situated on the Brand Highway, the place makes an important contribution to the historic character of the district.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

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

Shire of Greenough - Town Planning Scheme (58), 01/01/1970
National Trust of WA - Recorded, 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:
Feilman, M., "Greenough Historical Survey of the Front Flats", 1977 (58).
Suba, T., "The Greenough Front Flats Bibliography of Local Sources and Table of Heritage Places", 1994.
HCWA Database No. 13993.

OTHER PHOTOS



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