

<b>Area:</b> Greenough	<b>Place Number:</b> 98	<b>Category:</b> 2
<b>Assessment Date:</b> 30/09/1997	<b>Last Revision Date:</b> 12/04/2005	
<b>HCWA Number:</b> 4308	<b>Asset ID:</b> MCH126547	

### PLACE DETAILS

<b>Name:</b>	Bootenal Cemetery
<b>Other Names:</b>	Bridgid Road
<b>Type of Place:</b>	CEMETERY
<b>Address:</b>	Bridgid Road
<b>Suburb:</b>	Bootenal

### LOCATION

<b>Map</b>	Geraldton	<b>GPS</b>	6804602.00	<b>GPS</b>	278729.000
<b>Reference:</b>	N.E.	<b>Northing:</b>	0000	<b>Easting:</b>	000



**Photo Description:**

12/04/2005  
Martin  
View looking east

## SITE DETAILS

<b>Lot No.:</b>	Part VL 1366	<b>Assess No.:</b>	64055
<b>Reserv No.:</b>	7246	<b>Vol/Fol:</b>	
<b>Dia/Plan:</b>			

## USE OF PLACE

<b>Original Use:</b>	Cemetery		
<b>Current Use:</b>	Cemetery		
<b>Ownership:</b>			
<b>Public Access:</b>	No	<b>Occupied:</b>	Not Occupied

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Walls:</b>	Not applicable	<b>Roof:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Condition:</b>	Good	<b>Integrity:</b>	
<b>Original fabric:</b>			
<b>Modifications:</b>			

Located behind the former St John's Catholic Church on a slight rise and in the middle of a paddock is the small Bootenal Cemetery. The small cemetery contains the marked and unmarked graves of several pioneers of the district, including six members of the McGuiness family.

2004/05 Review: The cemetery contains marble headstones commemorating Owen McGuiness died 1907, Bridget McGuiness died 1911, Ellen McGuiness died 1925, Bernard McGuiness died 1929, Henry James McGuiness died 1929, Michael McGuiness died 1933 and Josie McCagh died 1934.

The cemetery has been fenced with a weldmesh fence covered in shadecloth, and with a small white wooden gate to the east. Five eucalypts have been planted within the enclosure. To the south-east of the gate is a large boulder with a brass plaque attached on the north side. The plaque commemorates the 140th anniversary of the arrival in WA of Owen, Bridget & Bernard McGuiness on 6th April 1859. The plaque also lists the names of 43 people who were buried in the vicinity.

## HISTORY

<b>Construction Date:</b>	1870	<b>Source:</b>	
<b>Architect:</b>	Not available		
<b>Builder:</b>	Not available		

The small catholic cemetery includes the graves of Owen McGuiness (aged 71, died 31 January 1907) and his wife Bridget McGuiness, nee McCudden (aged 74, died 23 March 1911). Owen and Bridget McGuiness were born and married in Ireland. Other people buried in the cemetery are Bernard McGuiness (aged 72, died 19 March 1929) and Grace McGuiness (aged 79, died 31 March 1939) in a double grave. The Bootenal Cemetery also contains the graves of Henry James McGuiness (aged 51, died 3 September 1929) and Ellen McGuiness, nee O'Brien (aged 56, died 20 November 1925).

(Source: Information provided by Sharyn Fickling, the great, great grandchild of Owen and Bridget McGuiness)

### HISTORIC THEMES

<b>HCWA:</b>	400 Social and civic activities 406 Religion 602 Early settlers
<b>AHC:</b>	9.7.3 Remembering the dead

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bootenal Cemetery has historic significance for its association with some of the early pioneers of the district, in particular the McGuiness family. The place has considerable aesthetic appeal due to its location on an elevated hill behind the former St John's Church.

### 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

No other listings

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### Bibliography:

HCWA Database No. 4308.

McGuinness, R., "From the Emerald Isle to the Sunburnt Land", 1999, p.83-86.

## OTHER PHOTOS



### Photo Description:

12/04/2005

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View of plaque from the north