



City of Greater Geraldton
Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places
Place Record

Area: Greenough	Place Number: 34	Category: 5
Assessment Date: 23/09/1997	Last Revision Date: 19/04/2005	
HCWA Number: 13991	Asset ID: MCH126829	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	St Peter's Church Site
Other Names:	St Peter's Church
Type of Place:	Site
Address:	Brand Highway (east side)
Suburb:	Greenough

LOCATION

Map	Geraldton	GPS	2796695.00	GPS	279661.000
Reference:	S.E	Northing:	0000	Easting:	000



Photo Description:

Aerial Photograph - Location Map

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 1 of Pt Lot 293	Assess No.:	64119
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Church		
Current Use:	Not in use		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	No	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls: Not applicable Roof: Not applicable
Condition: Fair Integrity:
Original fabric:
Modifications:

The site of the original St Peter's Church is located on the east side of the

and flooring were pitsawn and installed throughout by local tradesman, Louis Leveman. To one side of the church Fr Lecaille added a single room for his personal use, although he rarely stayed in one location for any length of time. This small cramped area became his principal home for almost 40 years. By 1874 a choir loft had been added above the main door of St Peter's and a church bell was purchased. The bell is now located between the Greenough Convent [Place No. 46] and the present St Peter's Church [Place No. 45] in the Central Greenough Historic Settlement. From the beginning the church doubled as a school for the local children. St Peter's Church was badly damaged by the 1888 flood and was replaced in 1909 by a more substantial building erected next to the Greenough Convent, also called St Peter's.
 (Source: Marchant James, R., "Cork to Capricorn: A History of the Presentation Sisters in Western Australia 1891-1991", 1996, pp.66-73 & 190

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	406 Religion 600 People
AHC:	8.6.3 Founding Australian religious institutions 8.6.4 Making places for worship 8.6 Worshipping

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of St Peter's Church has very high historic significance as it was the first church to be built in the Victoria District. For many years the chapel fulfilled an important role in the religious and educational life of people on the Greenough Flats. Further the place is closely associated with Fr Lecaille who is credited with laying the foundations for the catholic church in the district. The site is also evidence of the disastrous impact of the 1888 flood on the Greenough community.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	5
Level of Significance:	HISTORIC SITE: The site has historic significance for its previous use and its role in the historical development of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Proposed development may need to have regard to possible archaeological evidence remaining on the site. Recognise and interpret

the site if feasible. This may be achieved through a variety of methods including, but not limited to, signage, public art, paving treatment and landscaping as well as design treatment of any new development which reflects the former use of the site.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:

Ahearn, M.E., "I Remember," 1977.

Eakins, G.C., "Memoirs of G.C. Eakins," 1976, pp. 32-3.

Marchant James, R., "Cork to Capricorn: A History of the Presentation Sisters in Western Australia 1891-1991", 1996.

Photographs:

GHS0041 church (n.d.)

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos