



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 1167
2. NAME *Wesleyan Methodist Chapel (fmr)* (1867-69)
3. LOCATION Corner of Company & McCartney Roads, Greenough
4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY

Portion of Victoria Location 85, being the whole of the land described in Memorial Book 27 Folio 704 in the Registry of Deeds as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 1167 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Greenough
6. OWNER The National Trust of Australia (WA)
7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	29/06/1999
	Permanent Entry	15/10/1999
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	05/09/1977
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	23/09/1997
• Register of the National Estate:	Permanent	21/03/1978

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wesleyan Methodist Chapel (fmr) at Greenough, a limestone masonry stabilised ruin with a trussed timber roof structure and corrugated iron roof, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the chapel forms part of a cultural landscape involving a rural setting with numerous historic structures and few modern intrusions, and is one of the more visually prominent structures in this landscape;

the chapel is a popular subject for artists and photographers because of its design, notably its fine proportions and restrained

ornamentation, as well as the romantic qualities which derive from its ruined condition;

the chapel provides tangible evidence of Wesleyan Methodist faith which is an important aspect of the Mid-West region's cultural history. In the past the chapel was one of the most important in the locality and served as a place for Wesleyan Methodist worship since the 1860s, during which time many social and religious events have been conducted within its walls;

at present the building contributes importantly to the community's sense of place, and as a monument has the potential to increase local and visitor awareness of the history of the Front Flats;

the chapel commemorates the progression of society's values: the confidence which early pioneers had in the Christian faith and the important place that this faith had within the community, the contemporary social influences as expressed in the use of gothic motifs in the architecture, the habits of Wesleyan worship as evidenced in the twin doorways, the celebration of certain families' exertions in the area of church work, and the widespread shift away from traditional Christian worship that occurred after World War II; and,

and, the place has some potential to contribute to an understanding of aspects of Western Australian cultural history, particularly that which relates to early building practices, and the architectural form of other contemporary Wesleyan Methodist churches.

The precast concrete Heritage Trail plaque pedestal, near the road at the front of the chapel, is the only element on the site found to be of an intrusive nature. The present Colorbond roof is of no cultural heritage significance.