HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 1170

2. NAME *Walkaway Railway Station Museum* (1888)
FORMER NAME Walkaway Railway Station

3. LOCATION Padbury Street, Walkaway

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY
That portion of Victoria location 100 on Plan 2049 (sheet 1), being part of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 183 Folio 90 as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 1170 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing & Cruickshank Pty Ltd.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Greenough

6. OWNER The Commissioner of Railways (Land)
Shire of Greenough (Buildings)

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	29/06/1999
	Permanent Entry	15/10/1999
• National Trust Classification:	Recorded	03/11/1975
• Town Planning Scheme:		----------
• Municipal Inventory:		----------
• Register of the National Estate:		----------

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

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9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

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10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Walkaway Railway Station Museum, a late nineteenth century railway complex including a two-storey, Federation Arts and Crafts style, stone and corrugated iron railway station building, a stone and corrugated iron goods shed and associated structures and landscaping, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place marked the beginning of the Walkaway locality and the development and growth of a communication and transport system

in the region. It also played an important role in the development of surrounding agricultural areas;

the place played a vital role in the connection of the Midland Railway Company railway line to Midland and the Western Australian Government Railways line to Geraldton. Walkaway was the terminus for the only privately owned passenger railway in Western Australia;

the place is highly valued by the local community as the former railway station and currently as a tourist attraction with an educational role ;

the railway station building and the goods shed are key structures in Walkaway and the most important group of buildings in the town contributing greatly to the streetscape of Padbury Street;

the place is an essential part of the existence of the people of Walkaway and contributes to the community's sense of place as evidence of the days when Walkaway primarily existed as the railway station complex;

the place was designed by the eminent Public Works Department Chief Architect, George Temple Poole, who was responsible for the design of numerous public buildings in Western Australia, many of which are heritage listed. The place is also associated with one of Western Australia's leading railway contractors, Edward Keane, who was responsible for the construction of various railway lines and railway complexes throughout Western Australia;

the place has some rarity value as a late nineteenth century railway station complex with three complete structures and ancillary structures intact within the complex site. The Walkaway railway station building is the last station building to be constructed in Western Australia where the Station Master's house was incorporated into the design; and,

the place has some scientific value in its potential to yield information on a late nineteenth century railway station complex.

The original Walkaway Post Office, which opened in May 1899, was located in the Walkaway Railway Station building.