



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES - ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION

11. ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The criteria adopted by the Heritage Council in November 1996 have been used to determine the cultural heritage significance of the place.

PRINCIPAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORIC THEME(S)

- 3.7.5 Building and maintaining roads
- 4.5 Making towns to serve rural Australia
- 7.51. Developing local government authorities
- 8.5.3 Associating for mutual aid

HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA THEME(S)

- 108 Government Policy
- 203 Road transport
- 209 Technology and technological change
- 404 Community services and utilities
- 406 Religion
- 407 Cultural activities

11.1 AESTHETIC VALUE*

Greenough Road Board Office (fmr) is a component of the historic Greenough Flats precinct; an area characterised by similar uses of materials which collectively forms a significant cultural landscape. (Criterion 1.3)

Greenough Road Board Office (fmr) is a well-executed and intact example of a modest stone civic building. The addition of a few elements of decoration have, within the context of the small community of Greenough, given the building the appropriate degree of importance as the central office of local government. (Criterion 1.3)

Greenough Road Board Office (fmr) is one of 12 buildings along a 400 metre stretch of the former Gregory Road, collectively known as the Greenough Hamlet. The building is an important element in reflecting the evolution of this culturally significant streetscape. (Criterion 1.4)

11.2. HISTORIC VALUE

Greenough Road Board Office (fmr) embodies an era when the citizens of the region were looking to express their confidence in the future of the district

* For consistency, all references to architectural style are taken from Apperly, Richard; Irving, Robert and Reynolds, Peter *A Pictorial Guide to Identifying Australian Architecture: Styles and Terms from 1788 to the Present*, Angus & Robertson, North Ryde, 1989.

through the erection of more permanent civic buildings with the intention to encourage participation in governing local affairs. (Criterion 2.1)

Greenough Road Board Office (fmr) is an example of a civic building built in a small country town during a period of prosperity and confidence within the district. (Criterion 2.1)

Greenough Road Board Office (fmr) is closely associated with the development of local government in the Geraldton-Greenough region. (Criterion 2.2)

It was typical for prominent citizens of a district to seek to serve on the local Road Board and, in the case of Greenough, these citizens included among others Thomas Clinch, Samuel Eakins and Francis Pearson. (Criterion 2.3)

11. 3. SCIENTIFIC VALUE

11. 4. SOCIAL VALUE

The Greenough Road Board evolved to become the present day Shire of Greenough. *Greenough Road Board Office (fmr)* is significant as the first office of local government in the Greenough region (Criterion 4.1)

The *Greenough Road Board Office (fmr)* contributes to the community's sense of place as it has served as the Roads Board Office, Ladies' Guild Hall and continues to be used as the venue for Sunday School. (Criterion 4.2)

12. DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE

12. 1. RARITY

12. 2 REPRESENTATIVENESS

The simple planning and style of *Greenough Road Board Office (fmr)* is typical of Roads Board buildings found within many small regional Western Australian towns and, as such, is representative of its type. (Criterion 6.2)

12. 3 CONDITION

The building has, to a large extent, remained unaltered and is in fair condition. It has undergone two changes of ownership and change of use from an office to a hall. The building is now in need of some repair work, particularly to the floor and walls to ensure that it does not suffer further deterioration, which may seriously undermine its condition.

12. 4 INTEGRITY

Greenough Road Board Office (fmr) has a moderate degree of integrity. It served as the office for the Board from 1906 until 1952 when the operations for the Board were transferred to Geraldton. Ownership was transferred to the Anglican Church in 1956, and the building has been used for the Ladies Guild and for Sunday School activities since this time. The current use of the building is compatible with its original intention as it is used for community based activities.

12.5 AUTHENTICITY

The existing building has remained substantially unaltered since it was built. While it no longer serves its original purpose, the fabric of the building has not been changed to accommodate the requirement of its current use as a meeting hall for the Anglican Church. The building has a high degree of authenticity.

13. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

Attached are key sections of the Supporting Evidence prepared by Eastman and Poletti Pty Ltd Architects and Gary Martin, Historian, 'Former Greenough Road Board Building, Greenough, Western Australia, Conservation Plan', June 2000.

13.1 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

For a discussion of the Documentary Evidence refer to Eastman and Poletti Pty Ltd Architects and Gary Martin, Historian, 'Former Greenough Road Board Building, Greenough, Western Australia, Conservation Plan', June 2000.

13.2 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

For a discussion of the Physical Evidence refer to Eastman and Poletti Pty Ltd Architects and Gary Martin, Historian, 'Former Greenough Road Board Building, Greenough, Western Australia, Conservation Plan', June 2000.

13.3 COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

For a discussion of the Comparative Information refer to Eastman and Poletti Pty Ltd Architects and Gary Martin, Historian, 'Former Greenough Road Board Building, Greenough, Western Australia, Conservation Plan', June 2000.

13.4 KEY REFERENCES

Eastman and Poletti Pty Ltd Architects and Gary Martin, Historian, 'Former Greenough Road Board Building, Greenough, Western Australia, Conservation Plan', June 2000.

13.5 FURTHER RESEARCH
