



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01259
2. **NAME** *Geraldton to Walkaway Railway Precinct (1886 & 1896)*
OTHER ELEMENTS Gatekeepers' Cottages
3. **LOCATION** The railway line route between Bluff Point and Narngulu
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Reserve 47589 being Lot 12813 on Deposited Plan 40581 and Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 63108 and being the whole of the land in Crown Land Titles Volume 3133 Folio 270 and Volume 3157 Folio 802 respectively.
 2. Unallocated Crown Land being Lot 501 on Deposited Plan 63108 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3157 Folio 803.
 3. Portion of Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 65439 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2734 Folio 376.
 4. Those portions of unnumbered Railway Reserve land running between Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 65439 and Lot 163 on Plan 2049 and between Lot 162 on Plan 2049 and Lot 12813 on Deposited Plan 40581.
 5. In respect to the Railway Reserve land described previously, portions of road reserves being railway crossings over North West Coastal Highway, Eastward Road (also known as Geraldton – Mount Magnet Road), Place Road, Ross Ariti Road and Barrie Court (formerly Goulds Road).
 6. Reserve 3651 being Lot 2931 on Deposited Plan 190056 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3068 Folio 551.
 7. Unallocated Crown Land being Lot 12601 on Deposited Plan 27001 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3123 Folio 831.
 8. Lot 123 on Diagram 10197 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1050 Folio 191.
 9. Lots 162 and 163 on Plan 2049 being the whole of the land contained in Certificates of Title Volume 183 Folio 97 and Volume 183 Folio 104 respectively.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Greater Geraldton

6. OWNER.

1. State of WA (Management Order - Public Transport Authority of Western Australia)
2. State of WA (Responsible Agency – Department of Regional Development and Lands – State Land Services)
3. Public Transport Authority of Western Australia
4. State of WA (Responsible Agency - Public Transport Authority of Western Australia)
5. State of WA (Responsible Agencies – Main Roads Western Australia; City of Greater Geraldton)
6. State of WA (Management Order – City of Greater Geraldton)
7. State of Western Australia (Responsible Agency – Department of Regional Development and Lands – State Land Services)
8. Public Transport Authority of Western Australia
9. Commissioner of Railways

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

- Register of Heritage Places:

Interim Entry (Amended)	06/06/2008
Permanent Entry	09/12/2011
Walkaway Railway Station	15/10/1999
(1170 - Permanent)	
<i>Gatekeeper's House, Bluff Point</i>	20/02/2004
(13253 - Permanent)	
- National Trust Classification:

<i>Gatekeeper's Cottage, Bluff Point</i>	07/03/1995
(Classified)	
Walkaway Railway Station (recorded)	03/11/1975
- Town Planning Scheme:

Gatekeeper's Cottage, Utakarra & Gatekeeper's Cottage, Bluff Point (Geraldton)	17/04/98
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- Municipal Inventory:

Gatekeeper's Cottage, Utakarra & Gatekeeper's Cottage, Bluff Point (Geraldton – Adopted)	12/12/1998
Walkaway Railway Station (Greenough – Adopted)	22/12/1998
- Register of the National Estate: -----

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Geraldton to Walkaway Railway Precinct, comprising the 10km route of the original railway line (excluding the disused railway level crossing of the North West Coastal Highway, the disused railway level crossing on the Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road (Utakarra Road) in Geraldton, and the section of permanent way at Narngulu where the Geraldton Southern Transport Corridor crosses) from Geraldton to Narngulu (1886), Gatekeeper's House, Bluff Point (1886), Gatekeeper's House, Utakarra (1886), Gatekeeper's House, Walkaway (1886), all constructed of stone and iron in the Victorian Georgian style, and the remains of a stone siding, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the precinct is rare as a substantially intact and fine example of a late 19th century railway system, and is unique in Western Australia having been designed in the British tradition where Gatekeepers resided beside the crossings;

the Gatekeepers' Houses are rare in Western Australia and the examples in this precinct are unique in Western Australia having been designed as small villas rather than simple cottages;

the Geraldton-Walkaway Railway line was the first section of the railway line that eventually linked Perth with the major northern port of Geraldton and provided for the transport of passengers for over 60 years and which partly still operates for freight in 2008;

the precinct is highly valued by the local and wider community as evidenced by the efforts of the City of Geraldton, Shire of Greenough and local residents to conserve the buildings; and,

the precinct is associated with prominent railway contractor Edward Keane who was responsible for its construction.

The various additions and outbuildings associated with the Gatekeepers' Houses have no heritage significance.