



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.

11.1 AESTHETIC VALUE*

Greenough Pioneer Cemetery is significant as a visual reminder of people's contribution to the development of Western Australia and more specifically to the Shire of Greenough and the Greenough Hamlet. (Criterion 1.1)

The burial sites show a diverse range of headstones and plot surrounds which demonstrate creative achievements over a significant period of time. (Criterion 1.2)

Greenough Pioneer Cemetery has landmark quality with respect to the nationally significant Greenough Hamlet. (Criteria 1.3 & 1.4)

11.2. HISTORIC VALUE

Greenough Pioneer Cemetery is historically important for its association with European settlement in the area and provides a record of the development and growth of the region. (Criterion 2.1)

Greenough Pioneer Cemetery has been used as a cemetery since 1864 and serves as a burial place for many individuals and families who were associated with the development of the Greenough area. Some of these people include; pioneer pastoralists Major Logue and Thomas Brown, the Waldeck family, the Maley Family, the Clinch family, and also the graves of a number of Pensioner Guards who had been stationed at the town. (Criterion 2.3)

11.3. SCIENTIFIC VALUE

Greenough Pioneer Cemetery has the potential to yield information relating to the population of the area including life expectancy, family size, genealogical and other bibliographical information. (Criterion 3.3)

* 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.

Greenough Pioneer Cemetery has the potential to yield information relating to the conservation of rural cemeteries. (Criterion 3.3)

11. 4. SOCIAL VALUE

Greenough Pioneer Cemetery has significant religious associations with the different denominations who have been involved with the cemetery. The place is valued by the community for cultural and religious associations. On the cemetery's closure in 1981, a Management Committee was formed to represent the Greenough Shire's interests in the management, maintenance and preservation of the cemetery. (Criterion 4.1)

Greenough Pioneer Cemetery contributes to the community's sense of place as a landmark and is a tangible reminder of the historical development of the region and the Greenough Hamlet. (Criterion 4.2)

12. DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE

12. 1. RARITY

The place is one of the largest and most intact pioneer cemeteries located in the mid-west region of Western Australia. (Criterion 5.1)

12. 2 REPRESENTATIVENESS

Greenough Pioneer Cemetery is representative of a number of cemeteries in Western Australia which were established as settlements developed. It provides an example of how western societies divided and administered burial grounds on a cultural and denominational basis. (Criterion 6.1)

12. 3 CONDITION

Greenough Pioneer Cemetery is in a degraded condition, largely due to a lack of maintenance; however, there has not been much vandalism. Overall the condition of the place reflects the degree of exposure to destructive natural elements and the lack of regular maintenance.

12. 4 INTEGRITY

The integrity of the place is high.

12. 5 AUTHENTICITY

The place has a high degree of authenticity, although the original pathways, gates and fencing will have to be replaced. There are a significant number of identifiable plots and headstones remaining in place.

13. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

Attached are key sections of the supporting evidence by National Trust of Australia (WA), 'Greenough Pioneer Cemeteries', prepared for the Shire of Greenough, December 1998.

13.1 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

For a discussion of the documentary evidence refer to National Trust of Australia (WA), 'Greenough Pioneer Cemeteries', prepared for the Shire of Greenough, December 1998.

13.2 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

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13.3 REFERENCES

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13.4 FURTHER RESEARCH
