

<b>Area:</b> Greenough	<b>Place Number:</b> 159	<b>Category:</b> 2
<b>Assessment Date:</b> 22/09/1997	<b>Last Revision Date:</b> 05/04/2005	
<b>HCWA Number:</b> 13928	<b>Asset ID:</b> MCH126962	

### PLACE DETAILS

<b>Name:</b>	Minnenooka Homestead
<b>Other Names:</b>	Minninooka
<b>Type of Place:</b>	Homestead
<b>Address:</b>	Minnenooka Road (east side)
<b>Suburb:</b>	Minnenooka

### LOCATION

<b>Map</b>	Walkaway	<b>GPS</b>	6809734.00	<b>GPS</b>	295194.000
<b>Reference:</b>	S.W.	<b>Northing:</b>	0000	<b>Easting:</b>	000



#### Photo Description:

5/04/2005

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view of front façade of house and stone walls enclosing garden

## SITE DETAILS

<b>Lot No.:</b>	Loc 73	<b>Assess No.:</b>	61157
<b>Reserv No.:</b>		<b>Vol/Fol:</b>	
<b>Dia/Plan:</b>			

## USE OF PLACE

<b>Original Use:</b>	Residence		
<b>Current Use:</b>	Residence		
<b>Ownership:</b>			
<b>Public Access:</b>	No	<b>Occupied:</b>	Occupied

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Walls:</b>	Limestone	<b>Roof:</b>	Corrugated Iron
<b>Condition:</b>	Poor	<b>Integrity:</b>	
<b>Original fabric:</b>			
<b>Modifications:</b>			

Minnenooka Homestead dates from the late 1800's. The house has been added to over the years with an extra wing off the rear forming an 'L' shaped plan overall. The external walls generally are dark sandstone and the original roof has been replaced by green aluminium tiles. The large perimeter verandahs have been concreted and pipe columns replace the original timber posts. The interiors have been completely 'modernised' in the 1960-1970's and reflect little of the original character of the place. The gardens are surrounded by extensive stone walls approximately 1m high, in very good condition.

The farm out-buildings are in more original condition with substantial shearing sheds and four stables.

2004/5 Review: To the west of the house (across the road) is the Blacksmith's shop, a square stone building with a door on the east side and a small window on the west side. The building is roofed with corrugated iron and inside can be seen the remains of the stone forge. Just to the north of this building is a dark grey headstone surrounded with a weldmesh fence. The headstone commemorates Charlotte Houssemayne Du Boulay who died on 31 March 1865 aged 3 months 25 days. Approximately 700m further north on the side of a hill is a white marble headstone also surrounded with a weldmesh fence. This headstone commemorates Eleanor HarrietThwaites who died on 15 October 1885 aged 20.

## HISTORY

<b>Construction Date:</b>	1879	<b>Source:</b>	Homesteads Book
<b>Architect:</b>	Not available		
<b>Builder:</b>	Not available		

Minnenooka, or Minninooka as it is also known, is believed to mean 'anthill' in the local Aboriginal dialect. The property was originally part of the larger land holdings owned by the Pastoral Company which was associated with well known names such as the du Boulay, Logue, Walcott and Menzies. The title to VL 73 was taken up by du Boulay & Menzies in 1857. A.H. and Mrs du Boulay established their home at Minnenooka. The Homestead was built in 1879. The property was owned by Thomas Readhead c1904-14.

(Source: Geraldton Camera Club, "Homesteads of the MidWest Region of Western Australia", 1997)

## HISTORIC THEMES

<b>HCWA:</b>	100 Demographic settlement and mobility 301 Grazing, pastoralism and dairying 605 Famous and infamous people
<b>AHC:</b>	8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements 3.5 Developing primary production 3.5.1 Grazing stock

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Minnenooka Homestead is historically significant for its role in the early pastoral development of the region and for its association with well known identities in the district. Although its aesthetic significance is considerably diminished by the major renovations that have changed the character of the place, some elements of the original fabric remain intact, as is particularly evident in the outbuildings. As such the place remains an important part of the historic character of the Shire.

## MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

<b>Management Category:</b>	2
<b>Level of Significance:</b>	CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important to the heritage of the locality.
<b>Management Recommendation:</b>	Conservation of the place is highly recommended. Any proposed change should

not unduly impact on the heritage values of the place and should retain significant fabric wherever feasible.

## OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### Bibliography:

Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own," 1996, pp. 89, 104-5, 114

Geraldton Camera Club, "Homesteads of the MidWest Region of Western Australia", 1997.

HCWA Database No. 13928.

## OTHER PHOTOS



### Photo Description:

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view of Thwaites grave



**Photo Description:**

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view of shearing shed



**Photo Description:**

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view of Blacksmith's shop from the west



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view of DuBoulay grave