City of Greater Geraldton
Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places
Place Record

Area: Greenough	**Place Number:** 169	**Category:**	2
Assessment Date: 09/12/1997	**Last Revision Date:**	10/05/2005	
HCWA Number: 13935	**Asset ID:**	MCH127003	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Eastern Valley Hotel (Fmr)
Other Names:	Eastern Valley Farm
Type of Place:	Ruin
Address:	Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road (south side)
Suburb:	Moonyoonooka

LOCATION

Map Reference:	Geraldton N.E.	**GPS Northing:**	6813901.00 0000	**GPS Easting:**	277330.000 000

Photo Description:
15/11/2004
Henkel
North and west elevations of former hotel

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Loc 1063		
Reserv No.:		**Assess No.:**	69861
Dia/Plan:		**Vol/Fol:**	

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Residence/Hotel		
Current Use:	Not in use		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	No	**Occupied:**	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Limestone	**Roof:**	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Poor	**Integrity:**	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

Located at Moonyoonooka on the south side of the Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road and near Giles Road, the former Eastern Valley Hotel is a simple stone building with a hipped corrugated iron roof. The roof extends to cover the front (north) verandah which is positioned between two side wings and is supported on timber posts. The stonework to the front facade has an ashlar rendered finish. There is a lean-to roof to the rear and the side. The western section of the roof has collapsed. There is a brick chimney to the east and remnants of timber framed double hung windows. Approximately 40 metres to the south west of the former hotel are some stone stables with a hipped corrugated iron roof.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1880	**Source:**	
Architect:	Not available		
Builder:	Not available		

John Giles established a farm here in the early 1880s. To cater for the increased traffic eastwards due to the Gold Rush, he converted his home into an hotel. Giles opened the Eastern Valley Hotel on 1st April 1893. The building contained three bedrooms, three sitting rooms and a ballroom. It was located at what was a busy cross roads, The road to Mullewa and the road to Chapman Valley and the Back Flats carried a lot of heavy traffic, including wool from the Murchison. The hotel operated until the

end of 1896. Giles died in 1900 and the property was taken over by his daughter, Alice and her husband William (Bill) Angel. Eastern Valley Farm was known for the quality of its Clydesdale horses. The farm was then worked by Alf Angel up until the 1950s.
(Source: Stan Gratte, Betty Plunkett, "Bootenal and Beyond" pp. 77-78, & "Eastward Ho - To Mullewa and The Murchison" p.54)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	311 Hospitality industry and tourism
	400 Social and civic activities
	600 People
AHC:	3.21 Entertaining for profit
	3.22 Lodging people
	8.5.4 Pursuing common leisure interests

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former Eastern Valley Hotel has considerable historic significance given its early use as a Wayside Inn on an important transport route.   The place is characteristic of the type of construction of the era, being simple in form and detail and of stone construction. Prominently situated on a main road through Greenough, the former hotel makes an important contribution to the historic character of the district.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	2
Level of Significance:	CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	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:
HCWA Database No. 13935.
Keeffe, B., "Eastward Ho - To Mullewa and The Murchison", 1995.
Sivewright, N., "Bootenal and Beyond", 2004.

OTHER PHOTOS

Photo Description:
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former stables to rear

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