

# Project Brief

Tender for consultancy services

Archaeological and consultation services contributing to cultural landscape management at Central Greenough on Yamatji Country

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## Introduction

The National Trust of Western Australia (the Trust) seeks to commission suitably qualified consultants to undertake archaeological site recording and consultation related to the cultural landscape of Central Greenough. The project builds on recommendations from a recent ethnographic survey at Central Greenough, a significant heritage precinct on Yamatji Country.

The Trust aspires to awaken the community to the value of heritage. The Trust is a statutory authority that works under an Act of Parliament, and is also recognised as a not for profit, community-based organisation and a registered charity. The National Trust works both for Government and for the community.

The Trust acknowledges its properties are situated on Aboriginal land across the state and recognises Aboriginal people remain the cultural and spiritual custodians of their land and continue to practise their values, languages, beliefs and knowledge. The Trust is committed to working with Aboriginal people to ensure these practices are recognised and included in the conservation and interpretation of its properties and Aboriginal people are consulted and involved in the development of Trust projects and programs.

## Background

Grant funding has been received from Lotterywest to undertake a series of research projects at Central Greenough to better understand the diverse heritage values associated with the place and to contribute to cultural landscape management planning and interpretation. This includes ethnographic, archaeological and historical research.

The Trust has managed a collection of historic places at Greenough since the 1970s. Most have remained unoccupied since that time. Currently Central Greenough is open to the public with a café and visitor centre onsite. See <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/places/central-greenough/>

A 2021 archaeological survey of Greenough farmland adjacent to Central Greenough identified three previously unrecorded areas of archaeological significance with evidence of Yamatji traditional cultural practices (the presence of flaked stone and glass artefacts). The archaeological report recommended that the Trust investigate the interaction between Aboriginal people and the Greenough inhabitants beyond the current historic narrative and that the Trust should identify key Yamatji people to participate in this process.

As part of the current Lotterywest funded project the Trust engaged Archae-aus in October 2022 to facilitate an ethnographic survey at Central Greenough with representatives of the Yamatji Southern Regional Corporation (YSRC). Historian Dr Bruce Baskerville is currently working on a historical research project which addresses some of the outcomes of the ethnographic survey and will provide an updated history of Greenough to inform onsite interpretation.

## History of Central Greenough

Central Greenough is located approximately 28km south of Geraldton and 380km north of Perth on the Brand Highway in the Mid-West Region of Western Australia. It comprises a collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings including a convent, two churches, two schools, two cottages, a church hall, the Road Board office, a store and a government administration complex that includes courthouse, police station, lock-up and post office. The majority of places within Central

Greenough are owned by the National Trust. In addition the Trust manage a number of other sites on the Greenough Flats including Cliff Grange, Clinch's Mill, and the former Greenough Hotel.

The Greenough Flats refers to the coastal floodplain of the Greenough River. The fertile land supported the Yamatji people for millenia. The coast was explored in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century by the Dutch and then surveyed in 1822 by Philip King, with the first land survey undertaken by George Grey in 1839. Grey named the river 'Greenough' and claimed the area could become 'the granary of Western Australia'. 120 square kilometres of the region which became known as the Flats was surveyed by Augustus Gregory in 1851 and subdivided into 20 and 30 acre lots to encourage the 'settlement' of English colonists used to relatively small farm sizes. Within a few years it had developed into a highly successful wheat growing area. Many of these colonists were members of a strong Wesleyan Methodist community.

The Flats developed rapidly between 1857 and 1867 with buildings constructed mostly from local limestone. By 1880 a population of 1200 was supported and schools, churches and other community buildings were established to serve the farming community. However severe weather including a cyclone in the 1870s, major flooding in 1888; followed by a disastrous outbreak of wheat rust affected the area's prospects. The discovery of gold in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century exacerbated the decline and abandonment of Central Greenough and by 1900 the majority of the 'settler' population had left the area.

The 20<sup>th</sup> century brought a decline in religious practice and schools, the police complex, churches and the convent were closed shortly after World War II. Today only the Anglican and Catholic churches in Central Greenough remain with active membership. The heritage values of the area were recognised, however, in the mid to late 1960s and in the 1970s by a fledgling National Trust, led by architect and planner Margaret Feilman who carried out a survey of the region's heritage places. Many places were gifted to the Trust during this time including most of Central Greenough (known then as the 'Greenough Hamlet') as well as a range of nearby places including Clinch's Mill, Greenough Hotel, Cliff Grange, Gray's Store, the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Temperance Lodge and St James' Anglican Church. Negotiations for preservation of the entire, largely abandoned, historic settlement – Greenough – began around 1973 with the first buildings vested in the Trust in 1975. Central Greenough is Place Number 1137 on the State Register of Heritage Places [Central Greenough Front Flats (Historic Hamlet Conservation Area)]. See <http://inherit.stateheritage.wa.gov.au/Public/Inventory/Details/f22a0ab6-4b98-4cc1-a934-e6fc62f996f5>.

## Heritage Values

The Historic Greenough District Conservation Masterplan (1995) by Palassis Architects describes the principle cultural significance of the historic district:

*It is aesthetically significant as a collection of distinctive and recognisable landscapes with readily identifiable vegetation and man-made structures largely unspoilt by new development or other intrusions.*



*Historically it demonstrates both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal land use. Much of the land use pattern is unaltered or similar to when the place was at its functional and social peak in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.*

*It is socially significant as the former civic and social, religious and recreational centre for the district.*

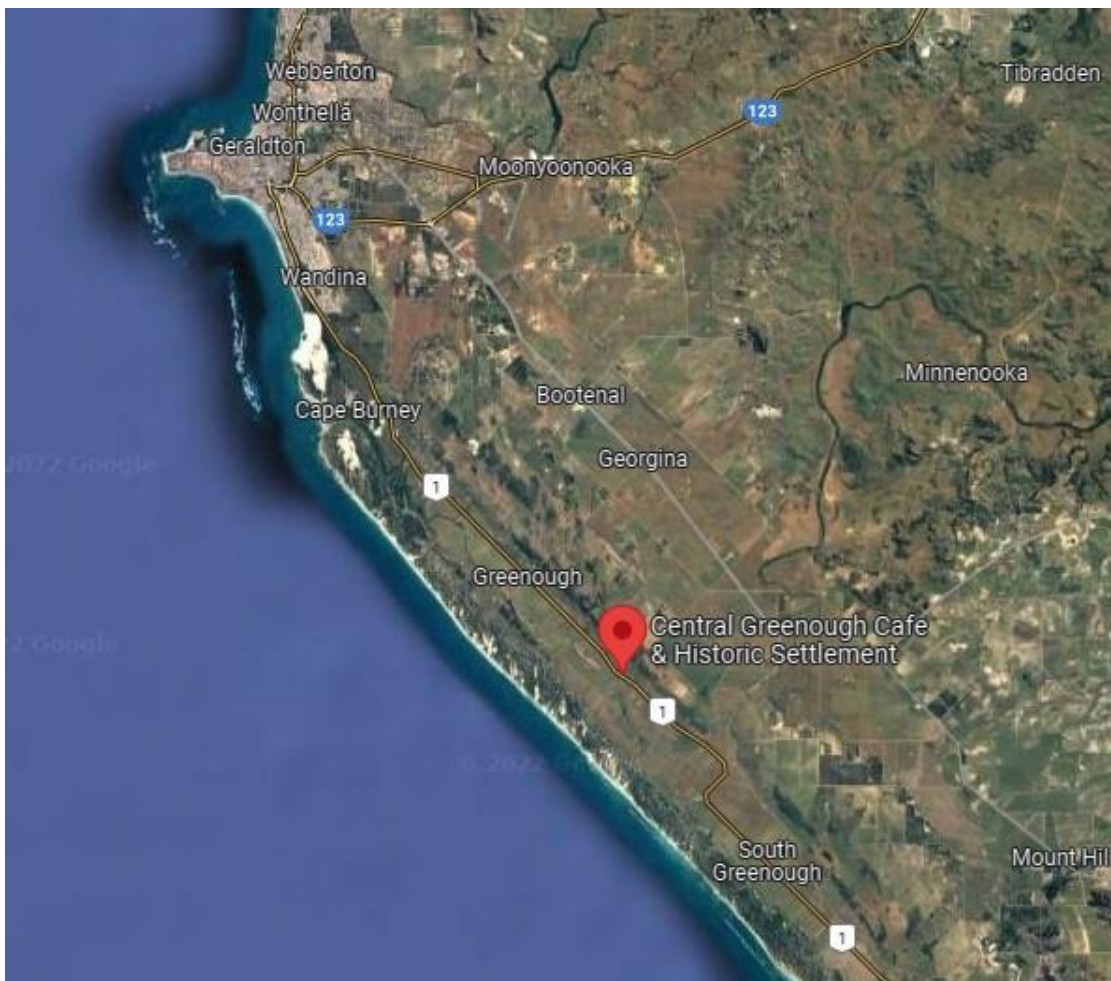
*It exhibits rare features in particular the collection of built structures that form the Central Greenough historic precinct.*

*It is representative of a landscape centred around a riverine and agricultural environment, the land of use which demonstrates the pattern of both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.*

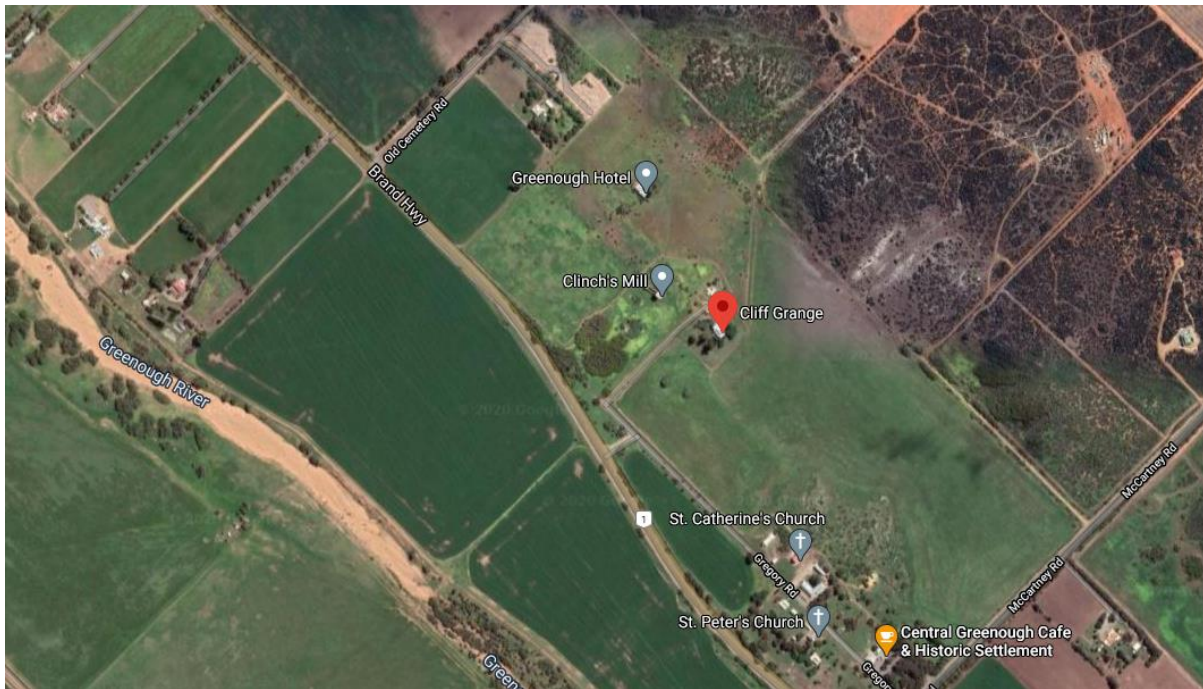
The recently completed ethnographic survey and historical research will contribute to a review of this Statement of Significance.

## Location

Central Greenough is located off Brand Highway immediately north-west of Central Greenough and approximately 28 km south east of Geraldton.



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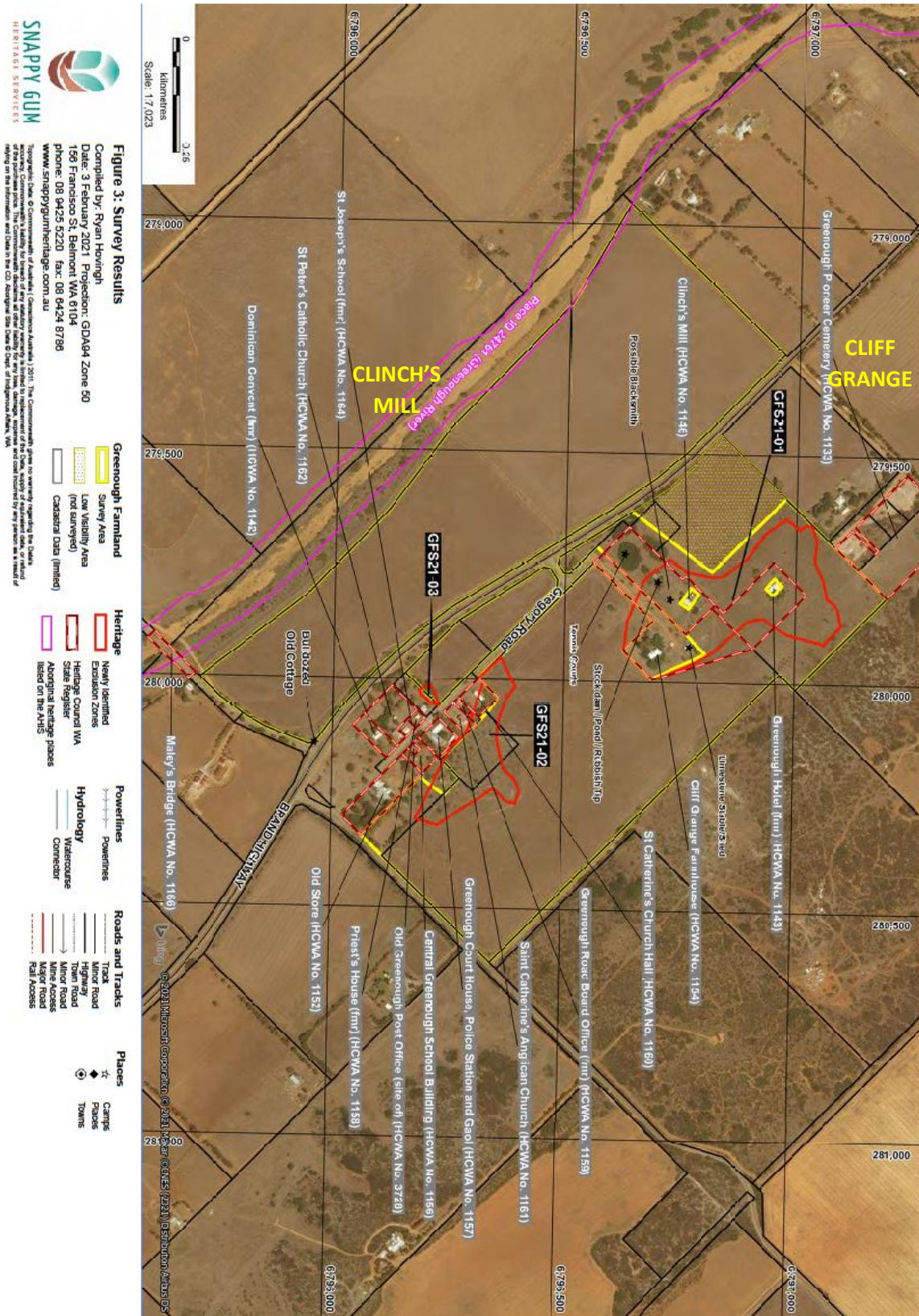


Site plan not to scale

## Results of a recent Archaeological Survey

In 2021 the Trust commissioned an archaeological survey to document archaeological features and sites to avoid on Trust managed farmland at Greenough. The survey area was located in farmland adjacent to and surrounding State Heritage Registered Sites, which include Central Greenough, Cliff Grange, Clinch's Mill and the former Greenough Hotel. The survey was carried out by Melissa Hetherington and Dr Sean Winter for Snappy Gum Heritage Services and they identified three previously unrecorded areas of archaeological significance (artefact scatters). Identified within these areas of archaeological significance (GFS21-01, GFS21-02 and GFS21-03) was archaeological evidence of Yamatji traditional cultural practices (presence of flaked stone and glass artefacts).





Location of sites GFS21-01, GFS21-02 and GFS21-03 identified during 2021 archaeological survey of Greenough farmland [Snappy Gum Heritage Services]

## Results of a recent Ethnographic Survey

In October 2022 Archae-aus was commissioned to undertake an ethnographic survey at Central Greenough where representatives were shown sites GFS21-01 and GFS21-02 (all three sites, including GFS21-03 have been partially recorded in the Snappy Gum archaeological report – available via link in Background documentation below).

The following recommendation regarding sites GFS21-01 and GFS21-02 was made:

- That the Yamatji representatives requested that GFS21-01 and GFS21-02 be submitted to the DPLH for assessment as it likely meets the criteria for registration as an Aboriginal Heritage Site.

Further recommendations were made regarding the cultural landscape at Central Greenough and the interpretation of Yamatji heritage, including development of signage/interpretation acknowledging the Yamatji history of the place, specifically stories associated with the Police Station and Lock-up, the 1888 flood and the Bootenal Spring massacre. All recommendations are detailed in the ethnographic survey report (available via link in Background documentation below).

## Project goal

Building on recommendations from the ethnographic survey and ongoing historical research the Trust aims to continue to consult and engage with Yamatji Elders to better understand past and contemporary connections to Central Greenough and the rich Yamatji history of the area. This phase of the project addresses recommendations stemming from the ethnographic survey regarding registration of archaeological sites and management of the cultural landscape, as well as the inclusion of interpretation of Yamatji heritage at Central Greenough.

## Project scope

The Trust has been in regular contact with the Yamatji Southern Regional Aboriginal Corporation (YSRC) to seek advice and report on the progress of this project. The Consultant will work with the YSRC to identify representatives to participate in ongoing consultation.

The consultant will:

- Liaise with YSRC to facilitate consultation and further site recording with the aim to register archaeological sites GFS21-01, GFS21-02 and GFS21-03 on the Aboriginal Sites Register [as per the definition of ‘Aboriginal cultural heritage’ as outlined in Part 1 Division 4 s.12 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021];
- Provide DPLH with all necessary documentation to register the sites on the Aboriginal Sites Register;
- Facilitate consultation for Trust staff to communicate the results of the historical research project and proposed interpretation of Yamatji heritage at Central Greenough; and



- Prepare a report that summarises recommendations arising from this consultation and includes a map of the recorded archaeological sites and any associated archaeological management recommendations.

The Consultant will work with Trust staff to confirm the approach to the project. The Trust project manager will be available to participate in the consultation and report on the outcomes of the historical sources project and the interpretation of the cultural landscape. It is anticipated that a full day of consultation is required at Central Greenough with a preference for this to be scheduled in May 2023.

## Background documentation

Many reports and studies have been undertaken since the National Trust took custodianship of the properties in the 1970s. Key documents for this project are:

- Hetherington, M and Winter, S (2021), **Report on the Archaeological Survey of Greenough Farmland** Snappy Gum Heritage Services for the National Trust of Australia (WA) – this report identified archaeological evidence of Yamatji traditional cultural practices (flaked glass and stone artefacts) at Central Greenough.
- Archae-aus (2022) **Report on an Ethnographic Survey of Central Greenough, on Yamatji Country**. Report prepared for the National Trust of WA.
- Palassis Architects (1995) **Historic Greenough District Conservation Masterplan for the National Trust of Australia** (Volumes 1 and 2) [especially Section 16: Conservation and Management of Archaeological Sites within the National Trust’s Greenough properties by Martin Gibbs, pp284-296]
- Logan, Roger (1998), **Greenough Hamlet: An Aboriginal History of the Region**. Edith Cowan University.

These documents have been uploaded to this link: [Central Greenough](#)

## Timeframe

The preferred timeframe is that the site recording and consultation is undertaken in May 2023.

## Insurance requirements

Consultants are expected to hold the following insurances as a minimum:

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| Public liability       | \$20,000,000 |
| Professional indemnity | \$10,000,000 |

## Project cost

\$30,000 (ex GST) is available for the project, including consultation fees for up to 8 nominated YSRC representatives, and inclusive of all fees and disbursements.

Allowances for each major cost item including travel and disbursements should be clearly itemised.

Hourly rates should be provided for any agreed additional work if required.

## Copyright and Confidentiality

Copyright of all original material prepared during the course of these projects will remain with the National Trust of Western Australia. Use of already copyrighted material must be appropriately obtained and acknowledged. Sharing or distribution of any findings of the projects must receive prior written permission from the National Trust.

## Form of Contract

National Trust short form contract for consultancy/ contract services. NOTE: Payment terms are 30 days from acceptable completion of agreed milestones being invoiced.

## Information Required for Lodging Submissions

Proponents are encouraged to contact the project manager prior to submission.

Submissions will be evaluated against the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated relevant experience including credentials and expertise of key personnel .....50%
2. Understanding of the tasks and outcomes, response to the brief and proposed approach to the project .....50%

The following details must also be included within the submission:

- Name of the lead consultant and sub-consultants, business address and relevant contact details
- Details of services offered
- Itemised fee including travel and other disbursements
- Hourly rates for any additional works outside the agreed scope
- Names and contact details of three referees who have had recent dealings with the lead consultant
- Level of professional indemnity insurance and name of the company that holds the policy

## Submissions

All submissions should be clearly marked 'Archaeological and consultation services for the Central Greenough Cultural Landscape Project' and submitted no later than 5pm WST on 21 April 2023 at the following address:

Email: [trust@ntwa.com.au](mailto:trust@ntwa.com.au)

Proposals received by the nominated closing date and time will be accepted provided that they are completed, signed, legible and include all necessary information required to be submitted as part of the proposal.

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