



City of Greater Geraldton
Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places
Place Record

Area: Greenough Place Number: 170 Category: 4
Assessment Date: 09/12/1997

Coal Limited – and exploration got underway in earnest. Under the direction of the Mines Department, the area was drilled in order to determine just how much coal was there and whether it could be economically developed.

Eradu's chances of becoming another Collie did not last long though, because a report in The Guardian of January 17, 1948, spelled out the bad news.

It had been revealed that the overburden, or soil over the coal deposit, outweighed the coal "in the proportion of seven to one, which was rather considerable", and it could only be mined economically on a grand scale. That would mean open-cut mining for coal that was considered of borderline quality – "With suitable fireboxes, Eradu coal could be used for railway locomotive purposes".

Since that was a long cry from what was needed, The Guardian reported that all the plant used in the exploration was being dismantled.

(Source: Gary Warner)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	303 Mining (including mineral processing) 301 Grazing, pastoralism and dairying 602 Early settlers
AHC:	3.4.3 Mining 3.5 Developing primary production 3.5.1 Grazing stock

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The two coal mine shafts at Eradu have some local historic significance only as evidence of the mining venture which has since ceased.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	4
Level of Significance:	SOME SIGNIFICANCE: Contributes to the heritage and/or historical development of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is desirable. Any proposed change to the place should be in sympathy with the heritage values of the place.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bibliography:

HCWA Database No. 13936

The Geraldton Guardian, 17 January 1948.

Halley, E.M. & Wilson, H.H., "Roundabout Geraldton and the Victoria District", reprinted 1978.

Photographs:

GHS3331 men & truck (1946), GHS3332 man (1946), GHS3333 winching gear (1946), GHS3334 men (1946), GHS3335 winching gear (1946), GHS3336 truck (1946), GHS3337 men & winching gear (1946), GHS3338 winching gear (1946).

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

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Suba, Callow and Grundy

Timber structure over shaft, now removed



Photo Description:
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Suba, Callow and Grundy
Concrete remains