



City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 46	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 29/10/1996	Last Revision Date: 02/10/2009	
HCWA Number: 1058	Asset ID: MCH126691	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Geraldton Art Gallery
Other Names:	Geraldton Town Hall
Type of Place:	Art Gallery
Address:	22-24 Chapman Road, cnr Durlacher Street
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference:	15.15	GPS Northing:	6814786.00	GPS Easting:	266797.000
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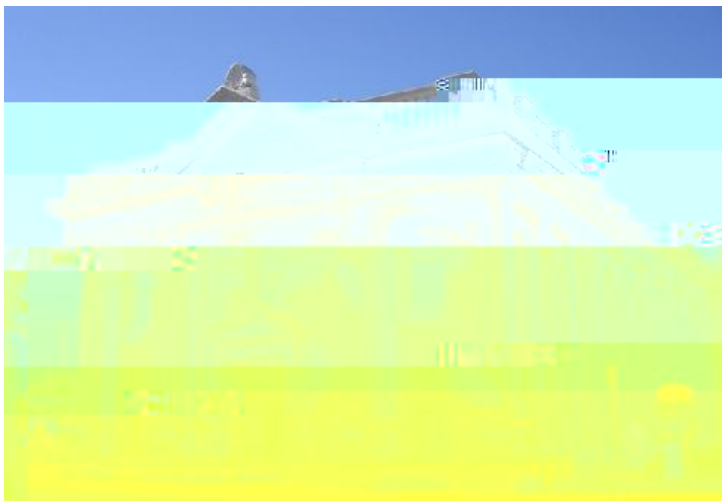


Photo Description:
3/08/2007
Rod Milne
Decorative pediment detailing.

opposite the stage. It is not known how intrusive the alterations are and recovered.

To the Durlacher Street lot frontage there is a low rendered masonry wall with metal railing infill. Three mature date palms are a feature of the lawned area to the north of the building.

[1] Apperly R et al, "A Pictorial Guide to Identifying Australian Architecture" (Sydney: Angus & Robertson 1989) pp: 102-103

HISTORY

Construction Date: 1907 Source: "Geraldton Express"
Architect: Oldham & Cox
Builder: James Brownlie

The first movement for the erection of a town hall was made in 1896 when the Council invited competitive designs, but did not proceed further at that stage. The proposal was revived by the Mayor, Mr F.G. Armstrong in November 1905 and on 22 March 1906 a scheme was submitted showing that a hall could be erected without additional taxation on the ratepayers. Subsequently a referendum was held on 17 May which gave a ma rú o [f^a m^a m u^o

("Geraldton Express", 12/7/1907)

The Town Hall was used for concerts, dances, exhibitions, film shows, civic functions, plays as well as being the headquarters of the Citizens' Advice Bureau. (Bain, p297) ANZAC Day Services were also held in the Hall for a number of years, following which they were transferred to Lester Square and then to Birdwood House in 1936. ("Geraldton Guardian & Express", 25/4/1936)

In the early 1980s the Town Hall was threatened with demolition, however a public outcry, including lobbying from a group called the Friends of the Old Town Hall (FROTH), prevented this from taking place. (Heritage Trail & Bain, p297)

In 1984 the building was renovated to a design by local architect Lewis Eves. The work was undertaken as a Community Employment Programme (CEP) project and saw the building converted into an Art Gallery.

(Heritage Trail & Bain, p298) On 6 August, 1984 the Geraldton Art Gallery was opened in the Old Town Hall by the Governor General, Sir Ninian Steven. (K. Gallaher, "List of openings, inaugurations, foundations", Local Studies Collection, Geraldton Library)

Refer to State Register documentation for further information.

HISTORIC THEMES

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MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	1
Level of Significance:	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is considered essential. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the significance of the place and be in accordance with either a Conservation Plan or Heritage Impact Statement.

OTHER LISTINGS

Heritage Council of WA - Register, 02/09/1997
National Trust of WA - Classified, 02/08/1982
Australian Heritage Commission - Register, 14/05/1991

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

"Geraldton: a photographic history", Geraldton Regional Library, 2004.
"Opening of the Geraldton Town Hall - Souvenir Booklet", 1907.
"Geraldton Express".
Wilson, H.H., "Geraldton Sketchbook".
Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996.
Gallaher, K., "List of openings, inaugurations, foundations".
Geraldton Heritage Trail
GLSPC - Buildings (Town Hall).
Feilman & Associates, "Survey of Places of Historic and Landscape Significance in Geraldton", 1977.

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:
29/10/1996
Suba, Callow & Grundy
Building addresses a main intersection.