

City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Geraldton Place Number: 286 Category: 2

Assessment Date: 05/12/1996 Last Revision Date: 01/12/2009

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.: Lot 8

Reserv No.: Assess No.: 11543

Dia/Plan: Vol/Fol:

USE OF PLACE

Original Use: Shops & Offices

Current Use: Shops

Ownership:

Public Access: Restricted Occupied: Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls: Rendered Masonry Roof: Comugated Iron

Condition: Not applicable Integrity:

Original fabric:

Modifications: Ground floor openings

This large two storey L-shaped building with hipped roofs behind a Bendered builds onry parapet wall is situated on a prominent comer location. Its Federation Free Classical architectural style features arched entry door ways on the comer and to the west elevation and arched windows to both storeys. Two large shop front windows are located to either side of the truncated comer. The southern most section on Marine Tenace has an ashlar finish to the ground floor. The timber framed double hung windows to the first floor have key stone arch with decorative moulding. Above the arch to the first floor comer window, a second moulded arch has the name of the building inscribed on it "WITIENOOM'S BUILDINGS". Below each first floor window there is a small masonry balustrade with engaged columns. Decorative string lines run along the level of the top of the balustrades and around the building and the bottom of the window arches and a decorative frieze sits below the Š moulded parapet of the double st

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HISTORY

Construction Date: 1892 Source: Jim Lowie

Architect: Unknown Builder: Unknown

Tenders for the construction of the Wittenoom Buildings closed on 1 April 1892, and the foundation stone was laid in June 1892. Council approved an extension of the building in 1910. (Jim Lowrie, "A Mixed Bag of Things that Happened Over the Years") This building was built for Edward and Frank Wittenoom, pioneer pastoralists and businessmen. Edward was also an MP. Dalgety & Co. opened the Geraldton branch of its pastoral business in the western most section of the building in 1899. The building also accommodated the offices of architect, Henry Marwood, from 1911 until the early 1920's. Marwood designed a number of well known buildings in the City and in the region, including the St Georges Buildings

style, retention of decorative features and period of construction. Consideration should be given to recognising this area as a precinct with encouragement given to owners to enhance the heritage values of the buildings.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 2

Level of Significance: CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important

to the heritage of the locality.

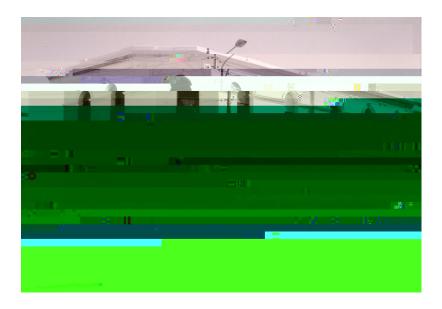


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