



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	Assess No.:	11543
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
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### 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 rendered masonry parapet wall is situated on a prominent corner location. Its Federation Free Classical architectural style features arched entry doorways on the corner and to the west elevation and arched windows to both storeys. Two large shop front windows are located to either side of the truncated corner. The southern most section on Marine Terrace 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 corner window, a second moulded arch has the name of the building inscribed on it "WITENOOM'S BUILDING S". 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 moulded parapet of the double

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## HISTORY

Construction Date: 1892                      Source: Jim Lowrie  
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.



Photo Description:  
5/12/1996  
Suba & Grundy  
Arched windows a feature.