



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 1068
2. **NAME** *Original Railway Station (1878-93), Geraldton*
(1878; 1909; 1937-70; 1979-85)
OTHER NAMES Mechanics' Institute (c.1906-75); Geraldton Regional Museum(1979-)
3. **LOCATION** Marine Terrace, Geraldton
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Geraldton Lot 2842, being Crown Reserve 38455 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3039 Folio 312.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Geraldton
6. **OWNER** The WA Museum.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 09/01/1998
Permanent Entry 07/04/1998
 - National Trust Classification: Recorded 11/06/1973
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Original Railway Station (1878-93), Geraldton, a two-storey stone, brick and iron public building, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
 - the place demonstrates the importance of rail transportation in the opening up of the state to European settlement;
 - the place was part of the first Government railway in Western Australia, and is the first of an identical pair of railway stations constructed in the State (the other was at Northampton);

the place is of great social and historical importance to the local community in its later roles as Mechanics' Institute, public library and regional museum;

the attractive proportions and detailing of the two-storey place enhance the streetscape forming a landmark in one of the main streets of the town; and,

the place is representative of the development and evolution of the town demonstrating the site of the original station and early transport networks.

The sheds and toilet block at the rear of the bulding are not included in this assessment.