



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 1890
2. **NAME** *Northam Police Station and Courthouse (1896; 1897; 1910)*
3. **LOCATION** Cnr Wellington and Gairdner Streets, Northam
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Northam Lot 375, being part of Crown Reserve 33594 and being part of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3046 Folio 122 and Northam Lot 429, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2060 Folio 734.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of Northam
6. **OWNER** Lot 375 - Minister For Works (Vested)
Lot 429 - Anne Woods.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places Interim Entry 16/10/1992
Permanent Entry 09/05/1997
 - National Trust Classification: (Courthouse) 08/04/1980
(Police Station) 05/06/1984
 - Planning Scheme No 4. (Schedule 7): 12/10/1993
 - Register of National Estate: (Courthouse) 28/09/1992
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Northam Police Station and Courthouse, comprising four single-storey, brick and iron Federation period buildings, including *Courthouse* (1896), *Cell Block* (1897), *Police Station* (c.1910), and *Police Quarters No.3* (1910), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place has important historical associations for its early and ongoing role in the operation of law and order in Northam, and with the development of Northam as a major regional centre;

the place is representative of the building stock considered appropriate for policing and judicial functions between 1896 and 1910;

the variety of building form and stylistic ornamentation displayed at the place creates visual and aesthetic interest;

the place demonstrates the work of prominent Australian architects George Temple Pool, Robert J Haddon and Hillson Beasley; and,

the proximity of the place to the Town centre and its streetscape value contributes to the community's sense of place.

The new Police Station and Police Quarters No. 4, and outbuildings, are considered to be of low significance. The Government Offices building located in the north corner of the site is considered to be intrusive.