



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 00249
2. **NAME** *Bridgetown Civic and Community Centre* (1936; 1982; 1989-90)
OTHER NAMES: Bridgetown Town Hall
3. **LOCATION** Cnr Hampton & Steere Streets, Bridgetown
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 2 on Diagram 88769 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume: 2104 Folio: 696.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes
6. **OWNER** Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 17/10/2003
Permanent Entry 19/03/2004
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 08/06/1998
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 29/08/1996
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Bridgetown Civic and Community Centre, a substantial two-storey masonry building constructed in the Inter-war period that blends some Federation Free Classical style characteristics with more contemporary motifs, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place combines with other buildings near the intersection of Steere Street and Hampton Street to form a significant, largely intact, rural civic precinct developed in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century;

the place has aesthetic value as a competently designed and built two-storey building which, principally in its outline and massing, displays aesthetic characteristics of the Federation Free Style;

the place is a landmark as a two-storey building without a verandah, constructed at the main intersection in Bridgetown;

the place was a product of the increase in population and consolidation of the Bridgetown district which occurred during the agricultural boom of the 1920s and the general feeling of optimism at the end of the Depression as the world economy experienced a period of prosperity and growth; and,

the place is highly valued by the local community for its role as the Bridgetown district's community centre from 1935 to 2003, and the venue for picture shows, balls, dances, public meetings, displays, fundraising, wedding receptions and school concerts.

The Lesser Hall, located on the east side of the place, is of low significance.