



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 00371
2. **NAME** *WA Bank (fmr), Bunbury (1895; 1992)*
OTHER NAME/S Bank of NSW; Bunbury District Employment Office; Lotteries House
3. **LOCATION** 101 Victoria Street, Bunbury
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 1 on Diagram 7885, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1000 Folio 53.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Bunbury
6. **OWNER** Bunbury Community Group Inc
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 28/08/1992
Permanent Entry 14/12/2001
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 04/05/1981
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 31/07/1996
 - Register of the National Estate: Permanent 18/04/1989
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

WA Bank (fmr), Bunbury, a two storey brick building with hipped roof in the Federation Academic Classical style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a good example of a substantial two storey bank building designed in the Federation Academic Classical style, which together with a number of other substantial buildings dating from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries collectively form the significant streetscape that defines the commercial and administrative centre of Bunbury in the vicinity of the intersection of Victoria and Wellington Streets;

the place was purpose built in 1896 to accommodate the Bunbury Branch of the Western Australian Bank and, from 1927/1928 to 1962,

after the amalgamation of the two banks, was occupied by the Bank of New South Wales;

the place was designed by eminent Western Australia soldier and architect Major General Sir John Talbot Hobbs, who was associated with the design of various public and private buildings throughout the State. It displays the principal characteristics of other two storey Western Australian Bank buildings also designed by him in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century;

the place is associated with development of Bunbury and the Wellington district at the end of the nineteenth century, which resulted in the consolidation of Bunbury as the principal port and the minor capital of the southwest region;

the place is valued by the local and wider community for its contribution to the built environment of Bunbury, and as a result contributes to this community's sense of place. This is evidenced by its inclusion in all relevant heritage listings; and,

the place is valued by the local community for its associations with the various charitable organisations and community groups who have occupied the building from 1989 up to 2001.

The single storey rear toilet is assessed as being of little significance.