HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 2804

2. NAME *Court House & Registrar's Office (fmr)* (1892)
OTHER NAME Yilgarn History Museum

3. LOCATION Antares Street, Southern Cross

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY
Southern Cross Lot 850, being Crown Reserve 33298 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3053 Folio 37.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Yilgarn

6. OWNER Shire of Yilgarn

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	25/07/2000
	Permanent Entry	24/11/2000
• National Trust Classification:	Recorded	07/02/1972
• Town Planning Scheme:		----------
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	16/05/1997
• Register of the National Estate:		----------

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

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9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

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10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Court House & Registrar's Office (fmr), a single storey brick and iron building comprising the Court House and offices (1892), the Registrar's Office (1911) and portico and verandah additions (c. 1956), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was the first permanent government building constructed in the Eastern Goldfields, indicating the colonial Government's faith in the prospects of the area. It is closely associated with the development of gold exploration and mining in the Yilgarn and had specific associations with the establishment of the Coolgardie goldfields;

in association with the adjoining post office and quarters, and with the original Warden's quarters (demolished), the place was part of the first government complex in Southern Cross;

the place is an uncommon example of a building designed initially by George Temple Poole (1892) and extended by Hillson Beasley (1911). It demonstrates the design response of these two architects to the remote location with the use of local construction materials;

with the support of the Government, the place was constructed at the instigation of Michael John Finnerty, who was appointed Warden of the Yilgarn in May 1889 and was Resident Magistrate for the Southern Cross district from January 1891; and,

the place also has historic and social value for its association with numerous wardens, mining registrars, resident magistrates, miners, prospectors and others from 1892 to c. 1975, and as the home of the Yilgarn History Museum since 1979.