



**HERITAGE
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Register Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** P1302
2. **NAME** *Endowment Block, Kalgoorlie*
3. **LOCATION** 250-316 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lots 151-160 on Deposited Plan 222587 being the whole of the land contained in Certificates of Title Volume 1704 Folios 880-889 and a portion of road reserve – Hannan Street.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
6. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places:

P1297 <i>City Markets</i>	Registered	29 December 2023
P1306 <i>Kalgoorlie Town Hall & Council Chambers</i>	Registered	1 July 1994
P1281 Hannan Street Precinct	Registered	19 August 1994
P1301 Shop	To be Assessed	9 May 2003
	To be Assessed	29 April 2016
 - National Trust Classification:

P1281 Hannan Street Precinct	Classified	19 July 1977
P1297 <i>City Markets</i>	Classified	8 March 1976
P1306 <i>Kalgoorlie Town Hall & Council Chambers</i>	Classified	8 March 1976
 - Local Planning Scheme – Heritage List: -----
 - Local Heritage Survey:

P1297 <i>City Markets</i>	Adopted	9 July 2001
P1306 <i>Kalgoorlie Town Hall & Council Chambers</i>	Adopted	9 July 2001
 - Register of the National Estate:

P1302 Endowment Block, Kalgoorlie	Registered	21 October 1980
P1281 Hannan Street Precinct	Registered	21 October 1980
P1297 <i>City Markets</i>	Permanent	21 March 1978
P1306 <i>Kalgoorlie Town Hall & Council Chambers</i>	Permanent	21 March 1978
 - Aboriginal Sites Register:

Place 1541 Nanny Goat Hill (Pilyurru)	Registered	
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7. ORDERS UNDER SECTION OF THE ACT

8. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

9. STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

What is significant?

The following briefly describes what the place is, or its key attributes, followed by a list the elements which contribute to the significance of the place.

Endowment Block, Kalgoorlie at 250–316 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie, comprises a group of single and two storey buildings that include the *City Markets* and *Kalgoorlie Town Hall & Council Chambers* on the north side of Hannan Street in the civic and commercial centre of Kalgoorlie. Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

- *Kalgoorlie Town Hall & Council Chambers*¹ - (c 1907–1908) a Federation Free Classical building continuously used as a civic, social and cultural centre in association with the municipality;
- *City Markets*² - (c 1901) architecturally designed market building owned and operated by the city council and continually used as a market.
- Streetscape – buildings extending along the eastern boundary form an intact continuous streetscape, connected in row formation with shared common parapet walls, shop fronts, and deep adjacent verandahs, that retain a visual quality as represented in the early twentieth century Goldrush era;
- Original fabric in the interiors of the shops from c 1890;
- Materiality – brick, stone and stucco with corrugated iron roofs, together with timber or cast iron verandahs;
- Shopfronts including windows and doors, upper-level facades including balconies;
- Extant intact original pressed metal ceilings;
- Extant intact original verandah posts;
- Verandah roof structures including upper-level verandah roofs; and
- Low to moderate potential for archaeological deposits associated with earlier buildings c 1898–1908.

Elements that do not contribute to the State significance of the place, and include (but are not limited to):

¹ Register documentation for *Kalgoorlie Town Hall & Council Chambers*, 19/8/1994 HCWA database: Place no. P01396.

² Register documentation for *City Markets*, 1/7/1994 HCWA database: Place no P01297

- The Public Toilets located north of the east corner;
- Rear carpark to the rear of shops No 282-314 Hannan Street; and
- Laneway between Town Hall & Civic Centre and No 314 Hannan Street.

How is it significant?

Endowment Block, Kalgoorlie is of aesthetic, historic, rarity, representativeness, scientific, and social value and satisfies the following factors relevant to cultural heritage significance:

- (A) importance in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Western Australia's history;
- (B) importance in demonstrating rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Western Australia's heritage;
- (C) potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Western Australia's history;
- (D) importance in demonstrating the characteristics of a broader class of places;
- (E) strong or special meaning it has for any group or community because of social, cultural or spiritual associations;
- (F) importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by any group or community;
- (G) special association it has with the life or work of a person, group or organisation of importance in Western Australia's history;

Why is it significant?

Endowment Block, Kalgoorlie has significance as a unique example of the State government's practice of municipal endowment land grants (1890–1950s), with the intention of providing a long-term source of income for local authorities (Factor A & B);

Endowment Block, Kalgoorlie has historical significance as a rare group of civic and commercial buildings that have been continuously owned and managed for the purpose of municipal endowment by a local government authority for a period of more than one hundred years. No place similar is known to exist in Australia (Factor B);

Endowment Block, Kalgoorlie has significance for its many individual buildings, developed over multiple periods, which are fine examples of Federation period architecture, in a variety of different styles, which convey the character and texture of a gold rush town and illustrates the unique history of its formation as a streetscape of commercial buildings constructed by the lessees of the sites rather than the owners (Factors A, C, D & F);

Endowment Block, Kalgoorlie is significant as a row of connected single and two-storey buildings that retain their original scale and configuration, distinctive shopfronts, decorative parapets, and verandahs which extend across the facades and pavement forming an almost continuous canopy along the streetscape (Factors D & F);

City Markets is a rare example of an early twentieth century architecturally designed market building in Western Australia with high social significance

representing many facets of retail trade including providing fresh provisions to a remote regional location (Factors B & E);

Endowment Block, Kalgoorlie is an integral part of the broader Hannan Street Precinct which contributes to the wider community's sense of place and symbolises the spirit of optimism generated by the rich gold finds in the Eastern Goldfields, and the continuing development of Kalgoorlie as the major administrative and commercial centre of the goldfields in the late 1890s and the early 1900s (Factor E &G); and

the imposing and substantial *Kalgoorlie Town Hall & Council Chambers* has landmark value within *Endowment Block, Kalgoorlie* (Factor F).