



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Register Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 1985
2. **NAME** *St George's Hall Portico and Façade, Perth (1879; 1986)*
3. **LOCATION** 500 Hay Street, Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Part of Reserve 39908 being portion of Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 65049 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3157 Folio 84; Part of Reserve 39908 being Lot 502 on Deposited Plan 57040 and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3147 Folio 709;
 2. Lot 503 on Deposited Plan 57040 being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3147 Folio 710;
 3. Portion of Hay Street Road Reserve;together as shown on HCWA survey drawing 1985 prepared by Midland Survey Services.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER AT TIME OF DECISION**
 1. State of Western Australia
(Responsible Agency: Department of Justice; Management Order: Attorney General; Lessee: Western Liberty Group Pty Ltd)
 2. State of Western Australia
(Dedicated Road- Responsible Agency: Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage)
 3. State of Western Australia
(Road Reserve: City of Perth)

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim	16/10/1992
	Amendment to interim	25/06/2019
	Registered	26/11/2019
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	03/12/1984
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	13/03/2001
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
• Aboriginal Sites Register		-----

8. ORDERS UNDER SECTION OF THE ACT

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St George's Hall Portico and Façade, Perth, a single storey rendered masonry front wall of a hall (now demolished) and portico in the Victorian Academic Classical style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was the first purpose-built hall for public entertainment in Perth until the construction of more elaborate venues in the 1890s following Western Australia's Gold Boom;

the Victorian Academic Classical architectural style of the portico is relatively rare in Western Australia;

the construction of the place symbolises the evolution of Perth and Western Australia from a struggling colonial outpost with limited economic resources and population, into one that had become viable through the introduction of convicts and the assisted migration program; and,

the retention of only the façade and portico of St George's Hall is reflective of the attitude to the conservation of heritage places in Western Australia in the mid-1980s.

Recent landscaping elements, including street trees and benches are of low significance. The new court building is not within the curtilage of this place.