



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 02460
2. **NAME** *Guildford Town Hall & Library* (1900, 1925, 1938, 1945, 1949, 1951, 1963, 1980, 1998)  
**FORMER NAME** Council Chambers; Municipal Chambers
3. **LOCATION** Cnr Meadow Street & James Street, Guildford
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Lot 188 on Deposited Plan 222550 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 74 Folio 13.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Swan
6. **OWNER** The Mayor Councillors and Burgesses of Guildford
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	20/07/2004
	Permanent Entry	13/05/2005
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	06/09/1993
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	10/07/1996
• Register of the National Estate:	Permanent	21/03/1978
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Guildford Town Hall and Library*, incorporating the Guildford Town Hall, a brick, rendered brick and tile building constructed in 1937 in the Inter-War Art Deco style, and the Guildford Library (former Council Chambers) a brick, rendered brick and zincalume-roofed building built in 1900 and remodelled in 1937 to complement the Town Hall, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place contains particularly well resolved examples of civic buildings designed or remodelled in the Inter-War Art Deco style. The Guildford Town Hall is a fine example of a town hall designed in this style in the 1930s in Western Australia;

the place is a significant example of the work of Eales, Cohen and Fitzhardinge Architects, and in particular of John Fitzhardinge who is credited with the Interwar design and redesign of the two buildings;

the place is a visual landmark in its prominent location in the centre of the historic Town of Guildford;

the place is representative of the development of local government in the City of Swan region and incorporates civic buildings which represent the growth of local government in the early and mid twentieth century in the State generally. The place forms an integral component of community life in the local government area; and,

the carpark has the potential through archaeological excavation to provide information on the former convict depot use of the site.

The more recent southern end of the outbuilding, eastern entry and covered walkway to the Library, kitchen and other recent fittings to the Town Hall and electrical fittings to the Library are of little cultural heritage significance. The brick wall in the female toilets of the Town Hall and lobby inside the original northern entrance of the Library are intrusive. Plantings of little or no significance are noted in the Conservation Plan.