



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 03642
2. **NAME** *Bunbury Council Chambers* (1897, 1935-36, 1964, 1991-92, 2004-06)  
**OTHER NAMES** Bunbury Municipal Chambers; Bunbury Municipal Buildings; Bunbury Municipal Offices; Bunbury Municipal Chambers, Mayoral Suite & Function Room
3. **LOCATION** 2 Stephen Street, Bunbury
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Portion of Lot 150 on Deposited Plan 42356 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2580 Folio 896 as defined in HCWA Survey Drawing No. 3642 Revision A prepared by McMullen Nolan Surveyors.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Bunbury
6. **OWNER** City of Bunbury
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Registration 27/08/2010  
Permanent Registration 28/01/2011
  - National Trust Classification: 06/06/1995
  - Town Planning Scheme: 06/06/1995
  - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 31/07/1996
  - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Bunbury Council Chambers*, a single-storey rendered brick building with a corrugated iron parapeted roof, originally designed and built in the Federation Free Classical style in 1897, extended and remodelled in the Inter-War Art Deco style in 1935-36, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a good example of a council chambers and offices building in the Inter-War Art Deco style and of the design work of prominent architect E. G. Cohen of Eales & Cohen;

with its distinctive Art Deco styling and decoration and prominent bays, and its location on a prominent street corner, the place is a landmark in the central area of Bunbury, and an integral part of a precinct of civic and heritage buildings at the southern edge of this area of the city;

the history of the place and changes to it since its original construction illustrate the development of key civic facilities in an important regional centre, and the place has been an important focus for the community of Bunbury since 1897;

the place is a fine example of a Federation period, regional civic building remodelled and extended in the Inter-War Art Deco style;

the Centenary Gardens, commemorating Bunbury's centenary in 1936, are rare in Western Australia; and

the first stage of the place was designed by architect P. W. Harrison and was built during the gold boom period when Bunbury was prospering and growing following development of railways and the harbour at the port.

The new adjoining three storey office building is of little heritage significance.