



HERITAGE
COUNCIL
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 00535
2. **NAME** *Collie Court House* (1913, 1950, 1986)
3. **LOCATION** Wittenoom Street, Collie
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Collie Lot 322 on Land Administration Diagram 84469, being Crown Reserve 4913 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3030 Folio 997.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Collie
6. **OWNER** The State of Western Australia.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 28/08/1992
Permanent Entry 14/12/2001
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 08/03/1988
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: Nominated 09/08/1988
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Collie Court House, a substantial single storey brick and tile building in the Federation Free style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a substantial, well designed and constructed building situated in a prominent open landscaped intersection and, together with the Collie Senior High School, forms a streetscape of significant public buildings;

the place is a good, intact example of a building designed in the Federation Free and shares aesthetic characteristics with a wide variety of public buildings designed by the Public Works Department between 1900 and 1920;

the place is associated with the rapid development of Collie from the early 1900s and with the need to improve the existing justice facilities

by constructing a new permanent court house in 1913. It continues to operate as a court house in 2001;

the place is one of seven purpose-built court houses constructed prior to 1930 that are still in operation as court houses;

the place has associations with Hillson Beasley, Chief Architect of the Public Works Department from 1905 to 1917;

the place has associations with the many Resident Magistrates, Magistrates, Clerks of Court and other justice staff who have worked in the building since 1913 up to 2001; and,

the place is highly valued by the community for its historical associations with the development of Collie and its associations with the administration justice in the area since 1913, thus contributing to the community's sense of place. This is illustrated by its inclusion on the National Trust's List of Classified Places.

The freestanding toilet block is assessed as being of little significance.