



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 1072
2. **NAME** *Geraldton Court House* (1898; 1988/89)
FORMER NAME Geraldton Public Buildings
3. **LOCATION** Cnr Marine Terrace & Forrest Street, Geraldton
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 Geraldton lots 250 and 251, being Crown Reserve 22481 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3000 Folio 889.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Geraldton
6. **OWNER** Commissioner of Police
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register of Heritage Places: • National Trust Classification: • Town Planning Scheme: • Municipal Inventory: • Register of the National Estate: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interim Entry Permanent Entry Adopted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01/10/1999 07/01/2000 ----- ----- 23/01/1999 -----
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8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Geraldton Court House, a two storey brick, rendered masonry and tile building in the Federation Free Classical style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a fine example of an important public building constructed in the Federation Free Classical style. It has a five bay façade with three, fine columned bays in rendered masonry and a bay of three windows at each end in face brickwork;

the place is a landmark due to its scale, detailing and prominent location in the city of Geraldton;

the place is an important example of the work of the Public Works Department of Western Australia in the period of expansion and development that accompanied the 1890s gold boom. The building exhibits stylistic influences of Chief Architect John Grainger;

the place has been associated with the justice system and administration of Geraldton since 1898 and demonstrates Geraldton's status as a regional centre serving the burgeoning areas of the Murchison Goldfields and the important agricultural regions of the Mid West throughout the twentieth century;

the place was designed to be focal point of the new town centre of Geraldton, associated with the second and third railway stations, new jetty and future town hall;

the place has been associated with law and order since the convict era, when the site was the location of the Pensioner Barracks and has the potential to yield information through archaeological investigation about the Pensioner Barracks and associated structures; and,

the place has the potential to yield information about the construction of the public buildings, and the history of Geraldton and the State through the time capsule which was placed beneath the foundation stone in 1897.

Please note: The study area for the Conservation Plan included the Sunseeker Hotel, Marine Terrace and the Police Station, Chapman Road. This heritage assessment focuses on *Geraldton Court House* only. The Sunseeker Hotel has since been demolished.