



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 0789
2. **NAME** *Public Buildings, East Fremantle* (1899-1902)  
**FORMER NAMES** Police Station, Town Hall; Mechanics' Institute and Library and Post Office Group (1899, 1900 and 1902, and 1901); State Emergency Headquarters.
3. **LOCATION** 133, 135 and 101 Canning Highway, East Fremantle
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Portion of Swan Location 4274, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1594 Folio 799.  
Swan Location 1714, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 196 Folio 52.  
Swan Location 3219, being Crown Reserve 19771 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3044 Folio 542.  
Swan Location 2351, being Crown Reserve 10799 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3044 Folio 288.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of East Fremantle
6. **OWNER** Commissioner of Main Roads (Loc 4274)  
Town of East Fremantle (Locs 3219 & 1714)  
The State of Western Australia (Loc 2351)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	24/03/2000
	Permanent Entry	23/06/2000
• National Trust Classification:	Recorded	02/07/1979
• Town Planning Scheme:	Gazetted	1982
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	21/11/1995
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Public Buildings, East Fremantle* (1899-1902), comprising a single storey limestone construction and iron roof former Police Station (1899), a two storey rendered brick and Colorbond roof Town Hall (1900), and a two storey brick and rendered brick corrugated asbestos roofed former Post Office (1901), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the group is significant in the occupation of Western Australia, as the public buildings of the Town of East Fremantle (founded 1897), which was brought about by the rapid expansion of Fremantle following the Western Australian Gold Boom;

the group, and in particular the former East Fremantle Post Office in its prominent position at the corner of Canning Highway and King Street, now the junction with Stirling Highway, provides a visual focal point with strong aesthetic value and is a notable landmark;

the Town Hall has a fine façade rendered in the Federation Free Classical Style; the former Police Station is a competently executed Federation Bungalow style building, which retains much of its original external detail; and the former Post Office is a finely designed two-storey Federation Classical style building, with much of its exterior and interior detailing intact;

the Town Hall building is one of the more important works of prominent immigrant architect J. F. Allen; and,

the group has some rarity value as a group of civic places built in a very close timeframe of three years, and because the outward appearance of each of the buildings in the group has changed very little.

The landscaping to the rear of the Town Hall, pergola to the former Police Station and the landscaping to the rear of the former Post Office have low significance. The streetscaping works to Canning Highway have low significance and the Main Roads direction signage is intrusive. The Post Office sorting room to the rear of the Post Office building has little significance.