



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 02815
2. **NAME** *Masonic Hall (fmr), Southern Cross (1898)*
3. **LOCATION** 14 Spica Street, Southern Cross
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 45 on Deposited Plan 223122 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 890 Folio 191.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Yilgarn
6. **OWNER AT PERMANENT REGISTRATION** Shire of Yilgarn
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Registration 26/08/2011
Permanent Registration 15/05/2012
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 16-05-1997
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Masonic Hall (fmr), Southern Cross, a single storey brick building showing influences of the Federation Academic Classical style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is one of the oldest surviving examples of a Masonic Hall in Western Australia and was the first Masonic Hall to be erected on the goldfields and to be used solely for Freemasonry ('Craft') purposes;

the place is associated with the Southern Cross Freemasons Lodge, the second Masonic Lodge order to be established in the eastern goldfields, who were the sole occupants of the place and active in the local community for almost 100 years;

the place makes a significant contribution to the cultural landscape that forms the Southern Cross townsite, through the scale and proportion of

the fine and intact building and its simple, well-executed and restrained architectural expression and setting;

the place contains a fine and intact interior, in particular the Hall, and has a timbered ceiling and an uncommon vertical sliding wall in the Festive Ward, as well as significant moveable heritage including mosaics, books, furniture, fittings and 'Craft' paraphernalia; and,

the place is associated with the history of Freemasonry in Western Australia, especially in the Goldfields region of the State.