



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 13227
2. **NAME** *Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Geraldton (1964)*
3. **LOCATION** Cathedral Avenue, Geraldton
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 100 on Diagram 93542 being the whole of the land contained in Certificates of Title Volume: 2110 Folio: 288.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Geraldton
6. **OWNER** The Trustees of the Diocese of North West Australia
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 28/11/2003
Permanent Entry 25/06/2004
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 23/06/1998
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Geraldton, comprising a large scale building characteristic of the Post-War Ecclesiastical style with sand-blasted concrete walls, detached single-storey brick and tile Deanery and Parish Hall, and Garden of Remembrance, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an excellent example of the radical strand of Post-War Ecclesiastical styled buildings which responded to new ideas in liturgy, through the use of unorthodox plan shapes and dynamic internal spaces;

the place is rare as an example of an ecclesiastical building of monumental scale constructed in the Post-War period in Western Australia;

the place is a landmark located on a major thoroughfare close to the city centre of Geraldton;

the place is notable for its use of materials designed to reduce maintenance caused by the harsh coastal climate, and the use of sandblasting to expose coloured quartz in the concrete walls was an innovation at that time;

the place is associated with Bishop John Frewer, who served as Bishop of the North West, the largest Anglican Diocese in Australia, from 1929 to 1965; and prominent Western Australian window manufacturer Gowers and Brown; and,

the place is a source of local identity, pride and provides a sense of place for the Geraldton and regional community and is highly valued by the Geraldton Parish community as the focus of the community's religious life, and is of particular value to Anglicans State-wide as the Cathedral of the North West Diocese.

The brick and tile Deanery and Parish Hall are of little significance.