



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. NUMBER 0030

2. NAME *Old Post Office*

3. DESCRIPTION OF ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY
(GENERAL)

The building was erected in two stages: the first section in 1869 of local brick with freestone dressings, to designs of J Manning. G. T. Poole designed the 1896 section, which was constructed of brick, freestone, granite and cedar, with an impressive geometrical stairway in Sydney bluestone. In 1875 the building was used as the base station for the intercolonial telegraph linking Western Australia with Adelaide.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Albany (T)

5. LOCATION Stirling Terrace, Albany
Lot Albany B42 & B44 C/T 1739/647

6. OWNER

7. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE (ASSESSMENT IN
DETAIL)

The place has been assessed by the National Trust of Australia (WA) and has been entered in the Register held by that body as a classified building with the following statement of significance:

The base station of the intercolonial telegraph of 1875, linking Western Australia with Adelaide thence with the rest of the world. One of Albany's most interesting buildings architecturally and historically. Originally used as customs house, post office, telegraph office, sometimes for local government meetings, theatrical performances, debates, lectures, concerts, socials and even church services. Also a valuable contribution to the townscape and foreshore setting (R Campbell).

The place has also been assessed by the Australian Heritage Commission and has been entered in the Register of the National Estate with the following statement of significance:

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8. REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES
(DATE OF GAZETTAL)

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Interim Entry 17/7/1992

Permanent Entry 9/7/1993

9. CONSERVATION ORDER

10. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

11. REFERENCES

National Trust Assessment Exposition
Register of the National Estate