

OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# **REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES**

## **Permanent Entry**

1. DATA BASE No. 1295

- 2. NAME McKenzie's Buildings (1904; c. 1979)
- **3. LOCATION** 140-144 Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie
- 4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY** Kalgoorlie Town Lot 59, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2166 Folio 416.
- 5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

6. **OWNER** Goldfields Hotels Pty Ltd

### 7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

### 8. CONSERVATION ORDER

-----

### 9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

-----

### **10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*McKenzie's Buildings,* a three level brick and iron commercial building constructed in 1904, in the Federation Free style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place, with its substantial presence on the street corner, is an integral element of the prominent intersection of Hannan and Maritana Streets which forms a significant cultural environment in the town of Kalgoorlie. The prominent intersection contributes to the local and wider community's sense of place as a reminder of the 1880s and 1890s Western Australian goldrushes and, as such, has become an easily identifiable icon of this period;

the place forms part of the Hannan Street streetscape which, spanning four blocks, is the most extensive, intact and significant commercial street in the Eastern Goldfields representing the 1880s and 1890s goldrushes in Western Australia; the place is a fine example of a functional commercial building in the Federation Free style, and includes the innovative construction of a water tank on the tower corner;

the construction of the place was a result of the successful exploitation of the Eastern Goldfields and the continuing development of Kalgoorlie as the major administrative and commercial centre of the goldfields in the late 1890s and the early 1900s; and,

the place is closely associated with Robert D. McKenzie, who constructed the building to house his growing merchandising business. McKenzie and his family were associated with the site from 1895 to 1979.