



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3715
2. **NAME** *Geraldton Residency* (1862, 1897, 1948/9, 1959)
FORMER NAME Geraldton and Districts Maternity Hospital
PRESENT NAME Geraldton Community Centre
3. **LOCATION** cnr Marine Terrace & Cunningham Street, Geraldton
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 Geraldton Lots 85, 86 and 93, being Crown Reserve 18800 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3037 Folio 300.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Geraldton
6. **OWNER** Minister for Works.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	09/01/1998
	Permanent Entry	07/04/1998
National Trust Classification:		-----
Town Planning Scheme:	Class 'C' building	May 1977
Municipal Inventory:		-----
Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Geraldton Residency, a substantial Old Colonial Georgian, single-storey limestone house and office built for the local Resident Magistrate, later a maternity hospital and in 1997 a community centre, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place illustrates the early development of the Champion Bay settlement which later became Geraldton, and more specifically, the workings of the government infrastructure in colonial Geraldton and the Victoria District.

The place also illustrates the social position and way of life of an important official in the colonial government of Western Australia; the place has historical and social value originally as the administrative focus of Geraldton and the Victoria District before the advent of representative government, later as a community-sponsored maternity hospital with associations with the State's women's movement, and now as a community centre associated with the Geraldton Cultural Trust, a long-established local association;

the place is rare as one of the first substantial government buildings to be constructed at the Champion Bay settlement, one of the few buildings remaining in Geraldton from this period and one of only a handful of residency buildings in Western Australia surviving from the colonial era; and,

the place is a well composed Old Colonial Georgian building sited on a slight rise in a large walled garden and is a landmark in Geraldton.

The tin sheds and car park on the site are considered intrusive.