



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 1576
2. **NAME** *Merredin Town Hall (fmr)* (1925, c. 1993)
FORMER NAMES Clock Tower Building; Merredin District Hall
3. **LOCATION** Mitchell Street, Merredin
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Merredin Lot 120, being Crown Reserve 13941 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3033 Folio 729.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Merredin
6. **OWNER** Shire of Merredin.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	30/10/1998
	Permanent Entry	26/02/1999
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	02/04/1983
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of the National Estate:	Nominated	30/05/1984
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Merredin Town Hall (fmr), a single-storey brick and tile building, with a three-storey central clock tower, constructed in the Inter-War Free Classical style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a fine example of a rural civic administration building constructed in the late 1920s in the wheatbelt. It is a very good example of the work of architect W. G. Pickering;

the clock was erected as a World War One memorial, and the workings were designed by J. W. Benson, Queen Victoria's clock maker, as a smaller replica of his Big Ben clock in Westminster;

the place is highly valued by the community of Merredin and districts, for its contribution to the character of the town where, with the nearby Merredin Court House, it forms a civic streetscape;

the clock tower, visible from many positions around Merredin, gives the place a landmark quality;

the place represents the growing prosperity of the Merredin township and surrounding wheatbelt district in the 1920s and is valued by the local community for its association with the Merredin Roads Board and local Government in Merredin from 1925 to 1961; and,

the place is valued by the local community for its link to the District Hall which was a place to socialise, celebrate and commemorate.