



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** P3555
2. **NAME** *Albany Co-operative Society Building (fmr) (1870)*
FORMER or OTHER NAMES Albany Co-operative Store Museum,
P&O Co-op, Alcona Guest House, Westrail Barracks (fmr)
3. **LOCATION** 46 Frederick Street, Albany
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Reserve 42401 being Lot 1411 on Diagram 26101 and being the whole of the
land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3123 Folio 712
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Albany
6. **OWNER AT PERMANENT REGISTRATION**
State of Western Australia
(Responsible Agency: Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage;
Management Order Holder: City of Albany)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim	17/04/2018
	Permanent	11/12/2018
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	08/06/1998
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	30/06/2001
• Register of the National Estate:	Indicative Place	-----
8. **ORDERS UNDER SECTION 38 OR 59 OF THE ACT**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Albany Co-operative Society Building (fmr), comprising a freestanding two storey
granite and brick building designed predominantly in the Victorian Regency style
with elements of the Victorian Georgian style, constructed in 1870 as the

premises of the Albany Co-operative Society has cultural heritage value for the following reasons:

the place was the first co-operative society established in Western Australia, and one of the first in Australia;

the place is rare in Western Australia as an early purpose built co-operative building, which originally included a manager's residence, store and shop;

the place is associated with the development of mercantile activity in the mid to late nineteenth century in Albany, at a time when the town played a prominent role in the development of the Colony in providing port, rail, post and telegraph services, and is closely associated with the operations of the P. & O. Shipping Company;

the place is located in an elevated setting at the corner of Frederick and Spencer Streets, and has a commanding presence at the east end of the historic centre of Albany overlooking Princess Royal Harbour;

the place is a good example of a freestanding two storey mercantile building designed predominantly in the Victorian Regency architectural style, which displays the simplicity and elegance typical of the style; and,

the place is rare as a commercial building constructed prior to the 1880s in Albany.

The car parking areas are of little significance.