



HERITAGE
COUNCIL
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2852
2. **NAME** *York Police Station, Courthouse and Gaol Complex*
(1852, c.1854, 1860s, 1874, 1879,
1880s, 1896, 1903, 1908, 1910)
3. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
The whole of Reserve 22997.
4. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of York
5. **LOCATION** Avon Terrace and Low Street, York
Lot York 603 D 85978
6. **OWNER** National Trust of Australia (WA)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim 28/08/1992
 - National Trust Classification: 05/03/1985
(as part of the Avon Terrace precinct)
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Register of National Estate: 21/03/1978
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

York Police Station, Courthouse and Gaol Complex, comprising the *Gaol* (1852-1880s), *Court House* (1896), *Police Quarters* (1903, 1910), and *Police Station*, (1908), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a landmark in York and makes an important contribution to the streetscape of Avon Terrace;

the place has aesthetic values for its high degree of unity as well as the range of buildings and related spaces it contains. The level of craftsmanship within the complex represents a creative achievement;

the place is significant for both the close association with development of the law and law enforcement in Western Australia and because of the continuity of government and police use of the site;

the place is rare in its intactness and clear depiction of the historical development of the precinct. It demonstrates a range of past ways of living and working, through a cohesive range of buildings of different periods;

the place has a high degree of potential as a reference site for architects, historians and students for the development of architectural design and building technology in the State and the discovery and interpretation of the convict and social history of the place;

the place has a close association with prominent Public Works architect, George Temple Poole;

the place is held in high esteem by the local community and by the state and national visitors to the historic town;

the *Court House*, *Police Station* and *Gaol* buildings have a close association with the key phases of development in York and in the State, particularly the convict era and the gold boom. These buildings are associated with the history of York, and contribute to its sense of place; and,

the former *Police Quarters*, at the rear of the complex, are significant because they define the streetscape of Low Street and maintain a domestic scale connection between with the rest of the town, Low Street, and the river parkland.

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