



**HERITAGE  
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## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 02759
2. **NAME** *National Bank, Wyalkatchem (1921, 1925)*
3. **LOCATION** 25 Railway Terrace, Wyalkatchem
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Lot 5 on Deposited Plan 223232 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 507 Folio 187
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Wyalkatchem
6. **OWNER** The National Bank of Australasia Ltd
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 29/08/2008  
Permanent Entry 29/05/2009
  - National Trust Classification: -----
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 16/12/1999  
18/03/2004
  - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*National Bank, Wyalkatchem*, a single storey, masonry and tiled roof bank building (1925) in the Inter-War Free Classical style, incorporating an earlier timber framed and weatherboard clad bank manager's residence (1921), has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

as the only operating bank branch remaining in Wyalkatchem (2007), and having continually operated from its current site since 1911, the place demonstrates an unusually enduring bank presence in a local community, consolidating the pioneering role of the National Bank in the Wheatbelt region of Western Australia from the 1910s; its scale and quality indicating the bank's confidence in the town's prospects in the interwar period;

the place is a competently designed, well resolved and aesthetically pleasing example of a commercial building designed in the Inter-War Free

Classical style, incorporating an earlier timber framed manager's residence and with some fine internal joinery detailing that exhibits characteristics of the Arts and Crafts style;

the place is a good example of the work of prominent architects Eales and Cohen, who designed a number of National Bank buildings in the interwar period;

the construction of the building in 1925 represents the period of prosperity and rapid expansion of the town of Wyalkatchem that resulted from the post-World War I Soldier Settlement and Group Settlement Schemes; and,

the place contributes to the highly intact streetscape of predominantly 1920s buildings along Railway Terrace in Wyalkatchem.

The fibrous cement clad garage and steel framed carport at the rear of the lot are of low cultural heritage significance.