



**HERITAGE
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REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 00562
2. **NAME** *Marvel Bar Hotel (fmr), Coolgardie (1897)*
OTHER NAMES RSL Building
3. **LOCATION** 33 & 33A Bayley Street, Coolgardie
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 1. Part of Reserve 50071 being Lot 2050 on Deposited Plan 222288 and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3153 Folio 982;
 2. Lot 223 on Deposited Plan 41415 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2214 Folio 494;
 3. Portion of Bayley Street road reserve and being part of Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 73267, and part of the land contained in CLT V 3020 F952; together as shown on HCWA Survey Drawing 562.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Coolgardie
6. **OWNER**
 1. State of WA (management order – Returned Services League of Australia WA Branch Inc)
 2. The Returned and Services League of Australia WA Branch Inc
 3. State of WA (responsible authority – Shire of Coolgardie)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	18/11/2011
	Permanent Entry	22/06/2012
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	06/12/1976
• Town Planning Scheme:	Yes	15/04/2004
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	27/07/1995
• Register of the National Estate:	Permanent	23/03.1978
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Marvel Bar Hotel (fmr), Coolgardie, a two-storey Federation Free Classical style hotel building of brick and stone, with a corrugated iron roof, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an excellent example of a two-storey hotel designed in the Federation Free Classical style, which retains much of the original ornamental stucco detailing in its façade;

the place is an integral part of the historic streetscape of Bayley Street, the former administrative, social and economic centre for the eastern goldfields, and provides evidence of the importance of Coolgardie in the region in the 1890s prior to the establishment of Kalgoorlie;

the place demonstrates the boom and bust nature of the region's development, being built at the peak of Coolgardie's boom to replace a hotel less than five years old in a town with over twenty hotels, and subsequently falling into decline as the town's fortunes waned;

the place is rare as a Federation-era hotel designed to make the most of the State liquor laws at the time by offering the minimum level of accommodation legally required, which was unusual and probably contributed to its closure in 1927;

the place, together with Cremorne Hotel (fmr) and Moran's Store (fmr), forms a landmark eastern entry to Coolgardie as the first substantial buildings as Great Eastern Highway enters the town and becomes Bayley Street; and,

the place provides evidence of the contested role of public bars in the social fabric of the community through its development in relation to various stages of licensing regulation and public pressure.

The corrugated iron toilet block in the rear yard is of little significance.