



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 00878
2. **NAME** *Fremantle Courthouse (fmr) and Police Station Complex*
(1896 1900, 1903, 1940, 1957, 1978, 1992)
3. **LOCATION** 39 Henderson Street, Fremantle
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 2135 on Deposited Plan 221172, being Crown Reserve 24043 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume: 3120 Folio: 863

Lot 2136 on Deposited Plan 221172, being Crown Reserve 46289 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume: 3120 Folio: 864.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Fremantle
6. **OWNER** West Australian Police Service (as to Fremantle Lot 2135)
The National Trust of Australia (WA) (as to Fremantle Lot 2136)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 29/01/1992
Permanent Entry 09/09/2003
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 01/04/1974
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 14/10/2000
 - Register of the National Estate: Permanent 21/03/1978
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Fremantle Courthouse (fmr) and Police Station Complex, comprising a limestone Courthouse (1899), Lock-up, (1898), two blocks of two-storey terraces of Police Barracks (fmr) (1897 and 1903), Artillery Drill Hall (fmr) (1896), and Police Station (1978), areas of limestone walling, landscaping and planting, is of cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place formed part of the original convict grant and in the 1850s was the site of Warder's Cottages (extant in Henderson Street), the Sappers' and Miners' Barracks (no longer extant) and of gardens associated with the Fremantle Convict Establishment;

over its 150 year history, the place has been the location of buildings housing the institutions that represent law and order in Fremantle and the State;

from the 1880s the place has been the site of the Fremantle Police Station and former Courthouse which relocated to be close to *Fremantle Prison* when it was transferred to colonial control, and is visually part of the area associated with *Fremantle Prison*, a focal point of the City of Fremantle;

the distinctive design quality of the limestone buildings, the barrel vaulted roof of the Artillery Drill Hall (fmr) and the off-form concrete Police Station, together with the limestone boundary walls and areas of landscape and planting, form an integrated precinct which relates both to the Fremantle Prison precinct and to the character of the City of Fremantle as a whole;

the place is associated with John Grainger, Chief Architect with the Public Works Department in the 1890s, who was responsible for the design of the Courthouse in the Federation Academic Classical style, and with architect R.J. Ferguson, who was responsible for the adaptation of the site in the 1970s and for the design of the 1978 Police Station;

the place includes the Artillery Drill Hall (fmr), constructed in 1896, featuring distinctive curved laminated jarrah ribs and curved iron T sections supporting a large 26 metre span barrel vaulted roof. The Artillery Drill Hall (fmr) has been associated with the volunteer guard in Fremantle from the 1890s, playing an important role in the defence of the State in the second World War, and demonstrating the changes in civil defence that have occurred since the nineteenth century;

the place has the potential to yield information, through archaeological investigation, on the layout and history of the Sappers' and Miners' Barracks, which was located on the section of the site on the corner of Henderson and Queen Streets;

the place represents the early convict history of Fremantle and Western Australia which is valued by the community generally and particularly by those descended from convicts, and;

the place demonstrates, through the presence of the Warder's Cottages and the Police Barracks (fmr), the practice of accommodating staff associated with the practice of law and order on or adjacent to their place of employment.

Elements of little significance include the 1957 and 1978 extensions to the Courthouse, the Lock-up Keepers' House, the Norfolk Pines on Parry Street, the Canary Island Date Palms in the Fairbairn Street carpark, and the concrete paving, bitumen surfaces and ground surface material generally.

Intrusive elements include Parry Street, the variegated rubber tree near the 1978 Police Station, and the petrol bowser.

The adjacent Homewest development has been excluded from the assessment.