



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Interim Entry

1. **NUMBER** 1965
2. **NAME** *Old Courthouse & Gaol*
3. **LOCATION** Beaufort / Francis Sts, Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY (GENERAL)**

A limestone and shingle building of basement and two storeys originally cruciform plan with four arms of cells radiating from central administration and security rooms, since converted to museum use.

5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Perth
6. **OWNER**
7. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE (ASSESSMENT IN DETAIL)**

The place has been assessed by the National Trust of Australia (WA) and has been entered in the Register held by that body as a classified building with the following statement of significance:

As courthouse, and later as part of the Museum, the building has been associated with the public life of WA for many years and it holds an added interest on account of its use for a period as a convict prison.

The place has also been assessed by the Australian Heritage Commission and has been entered in the Register of the National Estate with the following statement of significance:

A fine stone building of which the facade on the Beaufort Street side is generally considered one of the best examples in the State of colonial architecture of the period. As courthouse and later as part of the Museum the building has been associated with the public life of WA for many years and it holds an added interest on account of its use as a convict prison.

8. **REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES
(DATE OF GAZETAL)**

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9. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

10. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

11. REFERENCES

National Trust Assessment Exposition
Register of the National Estate