



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Removed Entry

*The Minister for Heritage Directed that this Interim Entry in the State Register not be made permanent on 18 March 2005. Notice of this decision under the Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990 appeared in the Government Gazette on 24 March 2005.*

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01059
2. **NAME** *Druid's Hall (fmr)* (1897 [site], 1934)  
**OTHER NAMES** Salvation Army Barracks/ Shop
3. **LOCATION** 65 Durlacher Street, cnr Sandford Street, Geraldton
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Geraldton Lot 745 on Deposited Plan 103054 and Geraldton Lot 796 on Deposited Plan 152068 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 2226 Folio: 62 together with portion of Durlacher Street as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No 1059 as prepared by Warren King & Company and Midland Survey Services.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Geraldton
6. **OWNER**  
Robert and Mary Ramage  
State of Western Australia (as to portion of Durlacher Street)  
(Responsible Agency: City of Geraldton)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

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| • Register of Heritage Places:     | Interim Entry | 19/ 03/ 2004 |
| • National Trust Classification:   | Classified    | 11/ 09/ 2000 |
| • Town Planning Scheme:            |               | -----        |
| • Municipal Inventory:             | Adopted       | 23/ 06/ 1998 |
| • Register of the National Estate: |               | -----        |
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Druid's Hall (fmr)*, a Inter-War Stripped Classical style hall built in 1934 with brick walls and corrugated asbestos fibre-cement roof sheeting, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is one of only a few remaining halls specifically built for the United Ancient Order of Druids in Western Australia, established in 1891, and demonstrates the activities of the Order;

the place is a good example of the Inter-War Stripped Classical style, with a prominent classical façade and ornamental pilasters;

the place is a distinctive landmark building located on a prominent corner site at an intersection in the central area of the City of Geraldton;

the place was constructed for the Geraldton Lodge of the United Ancient Order of Druids, one of the first three Druid lodges established in rural Western Australia, that provided health and welfare benefits for Geraldton members from 1895 for over fifty years;

the place provided a fellowship and social venue highly valued by the members and families of the Geraldton Lodge of the United Ancient Order of Druids, Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society, and other local branches of different friendly societies; and,

the place demonstrates the growth in membership of Druid's lodges in the early twentieth century in Western Australia.

## **11. ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

The criteria adopted by the Heritage Council in November 1996 have been used to determine the cultural heritage significance of the place.

### **PRINCIPAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORIC THEME(S)**

- 4.3 Developing institutions
- 8.5.3 Associating for mutual aid

### **HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA THEME(S)**

- 308 Commercial & service industries
- 408 Institutions

### **11.1 AESTHETIC VALUE\***

*Druid's Hall (fmr)*, constructed in 1934, is a good example of Inter-War Stripped Classical style, with a prominent classical façade and ornamental pilasters. (Criterion 1.1)

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\* For consistency, all references to architectural style are taken from Apperly, Richard; Irving, Robert and Reynolds, Peter *A Pictorial Guide to Identifying Australian Architecture: Styles and Terms from 1788 to the Present*, Angus & Robertson, North Ryde, 1989.

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* is a distinctive landmark building located on a prominent corner site at an intersection in the central area of the City of Geraldton. (Criterion 1.3)

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* makes a positive contribution to the streetscape, as a building of common scale and similar style to adjacent buildings constructed in the first half of the twentieth century, along Durlacher Street and on Chapman Road in Geraldton. (Criterion 1.3)

## **11. 2. HISTORIC VALUE**

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* was constructed for the occupation of the Geraldton Lodge of the United Ancient Order of Druids, one of the first three Druid lodges established in rural Western Australia, that provided health and welfare benefits for members from 1895 for over fifty years. (Criterion 2.1)

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* demonstrates the growth in membership of Druid's lodges in the early twentieth century in Western Australia. (Criterion 2.1)

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* was designed by Geraldton architect Tom Roberts, whose design work includes Birdwood House, Geraldton. (Criterion 2.3)

## **11. 3. SCIENTIFIC VALUE**

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## **11. 4. SOCIAL VALUE**

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* provided a fellowship and social venue highly valued by the members and families of the Geraldton Lodge of the United Ancient Order of Druids, Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society, and other local branches of different friendly societies. (Criterion 4.1)

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* contributes to the sense of place for the Geraldton community as a landmark and for its association with the provision of social and welfare functions during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. (Criterion 4.2)

## **12. DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE**

### **12. 1. RARITY**

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* is one of few remaining halls specifically built for the United Ancient Order of Druids of Western Australia. (Criterion 5.1)

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* demonstrates the functions of the United Ancient Order of Druids, established in 1891, who are removing their operations from Western Australia. (Criterion 5.2)

### **12. 2 REPRESENTATIVENESS**

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* is representative of the design of halls built for the United Ancient Order of Druids in Western Australia in the early twentieth century.

### **12.3 CONDITION**

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* is in sound condition. The place has been maintained due to its occupancy and usage up until recent time.

### **12.4 INTEGRITY**

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* has high integrity. The community use of the building has been maintained until recent times. It is possible for the community usage to be restored, and for significant fabric to be restored and reconstructed.

### **12.5 AUTHENTICITY**

Overall *Druid's Hall (fmr)* has moderate authenticity.

## **13. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE**

The documentary evidence has been compiled by Irene Sauman, Historian. The physical evidence has been compiled by John Taylor Architect.

### **13.1 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE**

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* comprises a Inter-War Stripped Classical style hall with brick walls and corrugated asbestos fibre-cement roof sheeting constructed for the Geraldton Lodge of the United Ancient Order of Druids (UAO Druids).

Friendly societies had been established in Britain during the seventeenth century, to create some measure of financial support of the working classes, who were virtually unprotected owing to the disappearance of the medieval guilds. British legislation to control the societies was enacted in 1793. Societies established in Australia were branches of the British organisations, the exception being the Australian Natives' Association, which was founded in Victoria in 1871.<sup>1</sup>

The Australian Grand Lodge of the United Ancient Order of Druids was established by charter from England in 1866. In Western Australia, the United Ancient Order of Druids was one of a number of Friendly Societies established in the 1880s to 1890s. J. S. Battye described the Societies as existing 'for the mutual benefit of those belonging to them', rather than being charities.<sup>2</sup> In effect, they took the place of insurance for those whose income was not sufficient to allow them to pay premiums on large insurance policies.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Australian Encyclopedia*, 4th ed., Grolier Society of Australia, Sydney, 1893, Vol. 4, pp.248-249.

<sup>2</sup> Battye J. S. *Cyclopedia of Western Australia*, Hussey & Gillingham, Adelaide, 1912-13, Vol. 2, pp. 374.

The whole of these societies have a common object, and their work is carried on along parallel lines, in that each cultivates fraternal intercourse amongst its members, and is distinguished by its own ceremonial, regalia, and signs... The outstanding features of value to the community are the mutual and kindly interest evinced among members, and the provision made to meet sickness, calamity, and old age.<sup>3</sup>

Legislation to regulate the administration of the Societies and protect the investment of members was enacted in 1894, with the passing of the *Friendly Societies Act*, which established the office of Registrar of Friendly Societies to oversee their function.<sup>4</sup>

In 1891, the first Druids' lodge was established in Western Australia with the opening of the Karrakatta Lodge. Two years later, there were three Druid lodges in the State.

The Society of Druid's bid fare to become a most influential body in this colony. The first lodge (the Karrakatta) was established in Perth a little over a year ago, followed shortly by another at Fremantle, and on Wednesday night, a third was inaugurated at Guildford. Twenty members were initiated and a like number proposed. Amongst those taking part in the ceremony were Messrs. Jacoby, Lapsley, Simpson and Pellew. The lodge has been granted dispensation by the Grand Lodge of Victoria.<sup>5</sup>

The Geraldton Lodge of the United Ancient Order of Druid's was formed on 25 September 1895, in the Club Hotel.<sup>6</sup> The Lodge was inaugurated on 4 October 1895.<sup>7</sup> The signatures of the first twenty-five members are recorded on a medical certificate signed by resident medical officer Dr Charles Bolton Elliott, which passed them as eligible members of the Lodge.<sup>8</sup> By November 1896, there were fourteen Druid lodges in the State, four of them in the metropolitan area and the rest in rural centres, including Geraldton. Membership of the lodges totalled more than 1,300 and another three were in the process of forming. The West Australian lodges were on the register of the Grand Lodge of the United Ancient Order of Druids in Victoria.<sup>9</sup>

In November 1897, Geraldton Town Lot 745, with an area of 0.4 acres (1,619 sqm) was gazetted Reserve 4785 for the purpose of 'Druids and Hibernian Societies'.<sup>10</sup> The Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society (HACB Society) was another friendly society that operated for many years. A corrugated iron hall, (referred to here as the Old Hall) was subsequently erected on Reserve 4785, and was used by both societies in Geraldton for

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<sup>3</sup> Battye, J. S., op cit, p. 374.

<sup>4</sup> *West Australian*, 28 November 1896, p. 2.

<sup>5</sup> *West Australian*, 19 August 1892, p. 4.

<sup>6</sup> *The Geraldton Guardian and Express*, 28 July 1934, p. 4.

<sup>7</sup> Information provided by the Secretary of the United Ancient Order of Druids, 4 April 2003.

<sup>8</sup> *The Geraldton Guardian and Express*, 28 July 1934, p. 4.

<sup>9</sup> *West Australian*, 28 November 1896, p. 2.

<sup>10</sup> DOLA, Reserves Index Enquiry, Reserve 4785.

their meetings and social functions. The adjoining Lot 796 was declared Reserve 7772 for the purpose of the Hibernian Society at a date not recorded by the Department of Land Administration in their records.<sup>11</sup> It is not known for certain if the Hibernians erected any structure on Lot 796. The land appears to have been reserved for their future use, possibly with the idea that the Druids would have exclusive use of Lot 745. In the meantime, both groups continued to use the Old Hall (c.1897).

On 10 September 1901, the Druids established their own Grand Lodge in Western Australia, headquartered in Perth. A full-time secretary, Grand Secretary Thomas Leonard Beauchamp, a plumber by trade, was appointed that year and the membership and activities of UAO Druids grew more rapidly.<sup>12</sup>

By 1911, there were 4,000 members in 50 branches and the funds had increased from £5,000 to £33,000, of which £30,000 was invested in mortgages. There were twelve Friendly Societies registered in the State in 1911, including the United Ancient Order of Druids, Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society, Australian Natives' Association, Ancient Order of Foresters, Irish National Foresters Benefit Society, Grand United Order of Free Gardeners, Independent Order of Oddfellows, Independent Order of Rechabites and Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows. Between them, they had 269 branches with a total membership of 17,637, which made the Druids, with 22 per cent of the total membership, one of the largest of the Friendly Societies.<sup>13</sup> The total number of Druid Lodges established in Western Australia was around 100, although not all were active at the same time, and many only operated for a few years, such as those established in small timber mill towns and goldfield towns.<sup>14</sup>

The Geraldton Lodge met twice a month, as was customary. After each meeting there was a social activity, either a dance, a cards night, or a dinner. Members of other Lodges were always welcome and various social and competitive activities were often arranged between Lodges and between local branches of different Friendly Societies. Fundraising dances were one of the more usual social functions, which were open to anyone. As well as providing financial support for members when necessary, the main purpose of the lodges was social, hence the name 'friendly society'.<sup>15</sup>

By the mid 1920s, the Geraldton Lodge desired to upgrade their accommodation. In 1926, Reserve 7772 (Lot 796), gazetted for the Hibernians, was cancelled and the land was gazetted as Reserve 19619 on 16 September

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<sup>11</sup> DOLA, Reserves Index Enquiry, Reserve 7772

<sup>12</sup> Battye, J. S., op cit, p. 374; information provided by the Secretary of the United Ancient Order of Druids, 4 April 2003.

<sup>13</sup> Battye, J. S., op cit, pp. 374-375.

<sup>14</sup> Information provided by the Secretary of the United Ancient Order of Druids, 4 April 2003.

<sup>15</sup> *The Friendly Societies' Gazette*, various monthly issues, 1931-1941; information provided by the Secretary of the United Ancient Order of Druids, 4 April 2003.

1927, as a hall site for the United Ancient Order of Druids. The Druids were given a 999-year lease on the Reserve, which had an area of 0.10 acres (405 sqm).<sup>16</sup> Membership of the Lodge was 142 in 1933, but during the following twelve-month period, another 80 new members were initiated, making a total membership of 222 by July 1934.<sup>17</sup> This rapid increase may have been a result of the Depression, with uncertain times causing people to feel the need of insurance. The increase in membership would have vindicated Geraldton Lodge's decision to invest in a new hall in 1934, designed by architect Tom Roberts, whose work includes Birdwood House, Geraldton.<sup>18</sup>

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* was constructed, adjoining the Old Hall, on Reserve 19619 and opened on the 21 July 1934.

Saturday has marked an important stage in the history of Druidism in Geraldton, for it was the day of the opening of the new hall of the Geraldton Lodge of the United Ancient Order of Druids, erected at the corner of Sanford and Durlacher Streets. The hall is regarded as one of the finest buildings of its kind in the town.

Constructed wholly of brick, the hall was erected at a cost of approximately £2,000 and contains men's and ladies' cloak rooms, kitchen, stage, lodge room and supper room, and with most up-to-date lighting equipment. The main hall measures 52 feet long by 40 feet wide. The old lodge room at the rear of the kitchen and stage is to serve the purpose of a supper room. Presenting a most up-to-date appearance, a finishing touch has been given to the interior of the hall by the lighting equipment installed by Mr. E. R. Thomas, formerly chief electrician at the Ambassador's Theatre, Perth. The main illumination is provided by two 500-watt globes suspended from the centre of the roofing of the hall, these being enclosed in large white shades, whilst at equi-distant spaces on either side and at the end of the hall are installed smaller lights enclosed in amber shades. Attractive candle brackets comprise the fittings on eight of these, whilst the remaining two are antique design bronze brackets. The electrical fittings on the stage are on similar lines to those of a small theatre stage. A spotlight has also been installed in the ceiling. The architect for the building was Mr. T. Roberts, whilst the builder was Mr. [Brother] R. F. Cardilini.<sup>19</sup>

A ticket office is shown in the porch area of the 1934 architect's plan, although this is not extant or may not have been built.<sup>20</sup>

The opening ceremony was performed by Brother G. Lester, Past District President and Mayor of Geraldton, together with Past Grand President Brother J. Blinco, a founder of the Geraldton Lodge and its first secretary. A

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<sup>16</sup> DOLA, Reserves Index Enquiry, Reserve 19619.

<sup>17</sup> *The Friendly Societies' Gazette*, 27 August 1934, pp. 9-11.

<sup>18</sup> 'Obituary - Late Mr Tom Roberts', *The Geraldton Guardian and Express*, 4 February 1947, p.1.

<sup>19</sup> *The Geraldton Guardian and Express*, 28 July 1934, p. 4.

<sup>20</sup> Tom Roberts Architect drawing 'Plan of Proposed Brick Hall', 1934. West Australian Public Health Department archival records drawing stamped 'P.H.A. 441'; and physical evidence.

dinner was held to celebrate the occasion, attended by over 260 members and friends, including representatives of the Druids' Grand Lodge, the John Shipton Lodge of Oddfellows and the Rechabite Lodge. On the following Monday evening, 23 July, a dance and supper was held.<sup>21</sup>

With the object of entertaining the wives and lady friends of the members of the Geraldton Druids Lodge a social and dance was held in the hall on Monday night [23 July], and with an attendance of about three hundred the function proved a memorable one, and an appropriate finale to the festivities connected with the official opening of the new hall. The Music for the dancing was provided by the members of the Rhythm Orchestra... The lighting effects played an important part in the evening's entertainment and the focusing of the spotlight in various colours on the dancers gave a pleasing effect on the whole proceedings...

During the evening, the Grand-President (Bro. O'Malley)... made presentations to two lodge members in Bros. G. Robeson and E. J. McLean as a token of appreciation of their past services in Druidism. For his services in the Royal Arch Chapter Bro. Robeson was made the recipient of a small silver triangle, suitably enscribed, and which... was a symbol of ancient Druidism. Bro. McLean, who held the rank of Past Arch, was presented with the collar of his rank.<sup>22</sup>

In 1941, Reserves 4785 and 19619 were cancelled to a Crown Grant in Trust, following a re-subdivision that reduced the size of Lot 745 to 172 square metres. The Crown Grant was made to the Trustees of Geraldton Lodge No. 321 United Ancient Order of Druids and was dated 24 June 1941.<sup>23</sup> After the land was acquired by the Geraldton Lodge, a mortgage of £2,681 was raised on the property. This was repaid in 1978.

After 1945, the Old Hall, which was in use as the supper room of *Druid's Hall (fmr)*, was occupied for many years as Doreen Dawson's Dance Studio. Dances, as well as dance classes, were held there. Marjorie Doreen Dawson won the State Ballroom Championship for novices in the mid 1930s, and turned professional, opening a studio in Perth, then Kalgoorlie, before moving to Geraldton in 1945, where she married police detective J. A. G. (Jack) Jones. As well as operating a dance studio, Doreen Dawson judged dance competitions, taught dancing at schools in a number of wheatbelt towns and prepared Geraldton's entrants in the Miss Australia Quest.<sup>24</sup>

In later years, *Druid's Hall (fmr)* was leased to the Salvation Army. The date of closure of the Geraldton Druid's Lodge is not known. Records of the United Ancient Order of Druids were destroyed in the early 1980s, when the

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<sup>21</sup> *The Geraldton Guardian and Express*, 28 July 1934, p. 4; *The Friendly Societies' Gazette*, 27 August 1934, pp. 9-11.

<sup>22</sup> *The Geraldton Guardian and Express*, 28 July 1934, p. 3.

<sup>23</sup> DOLA, Reserves Index Enquiry, Reserves 4785 & 19619; Certificate of Title Vol. 1070 Fol. 624.

<sup>24</sup> Suba, T., Callow, B., & Grundy, G., *City of Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places*, 1996-7, Place no. 107; Geraldton Regional Library, Local Studies Department, *Geraldton: 150 years, 150 Lives*, Geraldton Regional Library, 2001, p. 94.

Perth Lodge moved from its building in Hay Street to premises in Bennett Street. Closure of the Lodge would have followed a drop in membership as members aged and no new members joined, with other forms of social entertainment becoming available to younger generations. Social welfare provided by the Federal Government, general affluence and the availability of other forms of insurance all contributed to a gradual decline of membership in the Friendly Societies.<sup>25</sup>

In 1990, *Druid's Hall (fmr)* was sold to private owners, Robert and Mary Ramage. Their intention to develop the site for other uses faced some difficulties when it was discovered that the Crown Grant stipulated that the site be used solely for the purpose of a hall. A court case ensued, with the Ramages seeking damages from The United Ancient Order of Druids Geraldton Lodge and the real estate agent who marketed the property for misleading them as to the possible uses of the site. The Ramages won the case.<sup>26</sup>

In the 1990s, *Druid's Hall (fmr)* was leased to the Salvation Army. In later years, the words 'Druid's Hall' were removed from the façade.<sup>27</sup> The words 'Salvation Army Barracks' were painted on the façade. In 2003, the place was used as a Salvation Army shop.

In 1998, *Druid's Hall (fmr)* was entered on the City of Geraldton Municipal Heritage Inventory.<sup>28</sup>

Following Federal legislation for Friendly Societies, enacted in 1999, the United Ancient Order of Druids in Western Australia is in the process of transferring all business to the Victorian Division. The changes brought about by the legislation were too great for the society to absorb, as it was still operating under the 1894 State legislation. Victorian legislation, and legislation in other Eastern States, had been updated over the years, putting the Friendly Societies in those states in a more competitive position in the insurance industry.<sup>29</sup>

In December 2002, the City of Geraldton received a development application involving alterations and partial demolition of *Druid's Hall (fmr)*.

In April 2003, the Old Hall was demolished.

## 13.2 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* was built in 1934 on a prominent corner site in the central area of Geraldton, fronting Durlacher Street, and has brick walls, timber

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<sup>25</sup> Information provided by the Secretary of the United Ancient Order of Druids, 4 April 2003.

<sup>26</sup> *Geraldton Guardian*, 14 June 1990, np & 9 June 1992, p. 1.

<sup>27</sup> *Geraldton Guardian*, 15 September 1999, p. 3.

<sup>28</sup> Suba, T., Callow, B., & Grundy, G., op cit.

<sup>29</sup> Information provided by the Secretary of the United Ancient Order of Druids, 4 April 2003.

framed windows and doors, and corrugated asbestos fibre-cement roof sheeting.

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* has a rendered and painted brick frontage with a brick porch facing Durlacher Street. The building is from the Inter-War period, and the style of the prominent facade and porch could be described as Inter-War Stripped Classical.<sup>30</sup> The Durlacher Street facade has a plain stucco textured render to its gable end with smooth rendered capping, plinth and quoining at the corners. The entry porch is also smooth rendered with horizontally incised pilasters and walls supporting a pediment over the recessed doors. The date 1934 is prominent in large raised lettering on the pediment, over where the 'footprint' of the (now removed) words SALVATION ARMY BARRACKS remains. Aluminium framed entry doors have been placed to the outside of the porch to form an airlock where previously the porch was open. A small entry ramp has been placed with a handrail at this point. Either side of the Durlacher Street porch are large twelve paned windows, with six pane highlights. The windows sills are at the same level as a projecting string course. There is a box outlet and downpipe on the west side of the porch draining the concealed roof behind the pediment.

The stepped parapet facade wall to Durlacher Street conceals the corrugated asbestos fibre-cement roof sheeting with ventilator cowls either side of the long ridge line. The brickwork on the east side elevation to Sanford Street has been painted, and only one original timber framed window remains in the east elevation, that of the Druid's Lodge furniture room. Larger aluminium framed windows and doors have been inserted into the east wall, although the size and type of original joinery can be discerned by examining the original doors and windows which remain in the west side elevation and the 1934 plans.<sup>31</sup> The red clay brickwork to the west walls and the north gable is not painted. A concrete ring beam is placed in the brick walls at the top of the side walls height.

The interior has Art Deco decorative details in ceiling roses and cornices in the front rooms (formerly cloak rooms and an entrance hall). The main hall has a timber floor, painted rendered walls, flush plaster ceiling, and fluoro lighting. A steel stud wall lined on one side with plasterboard has been placed to the rear of the hall and forms a separate area in front of three rear spaces - spaces which were built to form the stage (raised two steps), the kitchen, and the Druid's Lodge furniture store.

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* is currently in sound condition. There is no soft landscaping around the building, and the paintwork is due for renewal. The place has been maintained due to its occupancy and usage up until recent time.

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<sup>30</sup> Apperly, Richard; Irving, Robert and Reynolds, Peter *A Pictorial Guide to Identifying Australian Architecture: Styles and Terms from 1788 to the Present*, Angus & Robertson, North Ryde, 1989, pp. 164-7.

<sup>31</sup> Tom Roberts Architect drawing 'Plan of Proposed Brick Hall', 1934. West Australian Public Health Department archival records drawing stamped 'P.H.A. 441'.

### 13.3 COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

Many Lodges used hired accommodation for their meetings, or shared the hall facility of fellow lodges. In Kalgoorlie, the Friendly Societies Hall is used by a number of societies as their meeting place, the Masonic Lodge building in Geraldton is currently the home of four local Lodges, and the Ancient Order of Forester's Lodge Hall in Maylands is also used by a number of local societies.

There are seven Druid Lodges in Western Australia in 2003, comprising four in Perth and three in Bunbury. Bunbury has the only Druid Hall still operating in the State and caters to the three remaining Druid lodges in the district. There is no Lodge building in Perth, the Bennett Street premises, occupied since the early 1980s, having been sold c.2000.

*Druid's Hall (Freemasons)*, Maylands (Place 9392), which is entered on the Bayswater Municipal Heritage Inventory, is the only Druid's building on the Heritage Council database. This does not take into account any former Druid's halls which may be entered in the database under other names. Another Friendly Society building, *Rechabite Hall*, is extant at 222-224 William Street, Northbridge. This is a two-storey brick building with basement, and has shops on ground floor level. *Rechabite Hall* is entered on the State Register (Place 2155).

*Druid's Hall (fmr)* is similar to a number of agricultural halls built in rural towns, particularly in its development from a corrugated iron structure to a more substantial brick building. The similarity extends to the classical theme of the façade. There are twenty-five registered places listed as 'Town, Shire and District Hall' on the Heritage Council website database and one registered 'Agricultural Hall', Tenterden Agricultural Hall (Place 3242).<sup>32</sup>

### 13.4 KEY REFERENCES

No key references.

### 13.5 FURTHER RESEARCH

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<sup>32</sup> Heritage Council of Western Australia, website database research.