

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 208	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 14/10/1996	Last Revision Date: 24/11/2009	
HCWA Number: 13305	Asset ID: MCH126682	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Geraldton Hotel
Other Names:	19-21 Gregory Street
Type of Place:	Hotel
Address:	19-21 Gregory Street
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference: 14.15	GPS Northing: 6814364.00	GPS Easting: 266286.000
	GPS Northing: 0000	GPS Easting: 000



Photo Description:

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Tanya Henkel

Large two storey hotel.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 51	Assess No.:	11565
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Hotel		
Current Use:	Hotel		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Restricted	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Stone/Brick	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:	Numerous changes of time		

This large two storey stone and brick building is located on a prominent corner. The walls have been painted cream. The main hipped roof extends on the west side to cover the second storey verandah which has a central masonry support and a metal balustrade. To each side of the verandah there is a plain parapet wall. To the north, a single storey extension has a closed arched entry to the west facade with a plain parapet to the north and a stepped parapet to the west which shows some art deco influence. Below the verandah there is a large recessed entry porch with concrete steps from the street level. Windows are mostly timber framed and double hung. The name of the hotel "The Geraldton Hotel Est. 1862" in raised metal letters is affixed to the parapet of the north facade as well as to the wall fronting Gregory Street. A commemorative plaque close to the entry records that the John Forrest Party overland expedition to South Australia departed from this point on 1st of April 1874.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1862	Source:	Geraldton Heritage Trail
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

In February 1858 Daniel Scott purchased Lots 51 and 52 in Gregory Street, the hotel being located on Lot 51. In 1859 Scott's eldest son, Daniel arrived in Champion Bay to manage the Geraldton Hotel. M.A. Bain

describes the building: "This was a simple, one-storey building with a large bar at the front and a back yard. To the south was the harness room and stables, erected at a cost of £120. Built some time later was the retail store fronting Gregory Street, its large warehouse running the length of the block." (Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996, p60-1) See Bain, p61 for a floor plan of the hotel in 1857. A manager was employed to run the hotel, the first being Ed. Ridley, a Greenough farmer. He was followed by Martin Hosken in 1868 and then by William and Hannah Hosken who were the licensees until 1884. (Ibid., p62) On 1 April, 1874 the John Forrest Party departed from the Geraldton Hotel for their historic overland expedition to South Australia. (Building Plaque)
 The Geraldton Hotel was the meeting place of the Geraldton Municipal Trust until its chambers were built in Gregory Street in 1871. (Geraldton Heritage Trail)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	311 Hospitality industry and tourism
AHC:	3.12.5 Retailing food and beverages

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Geraldton Hotel has high historic significance as one of the first hotels to be established in Geraldton and for its connection to the early development of the town. The place has further historic significance for its association with local identities including Martin Hosken and as the designated departure point for the Forrest expedition in 1874. Although the place has been altered considerably it nevertheless commands some streetscape value given its large and imposing scale. Further, the place has social significance as a place of entertainment.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	2
Level of Significance:	CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is highly recommended. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the heritage values of the place and should retain significant fabric wherever feasible.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

GLLSPC - Buildings (Hotels), Geraldton (General), Historic Sites.
Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996.
"Geraldton Guardian", 18/12/1992.
Geraldton Heritage Trail.
GHSPC.

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

14/10/1996

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Building fronts directly onto the footpath.