

City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Geraldton Place Number: 287 Category: 5

 Assessment Date:
 16/12/1997
 Last Revision Date:
 01/12/2009

 HCWA Number:
 3529
 Asset ID:
 MCH126956

PLACE DETAILS

Name: Site of Shepheard's Hotel
Other Names: Club Hotel, National Bank

Type of Place: Site

Address: 144-156 Marine Terrace

Suburb: Geraldton

LOCATION

Map 14.15 **GPS** 6814698.00 **GPS** 266504.000

Reference: Northing: 0000 Easting: 000

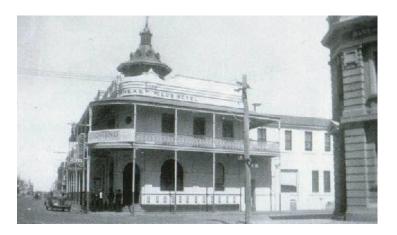


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SITE DETAILS

Lot No.: Lot 20

Reserv No.: Assess No.: 11485

Dia/Plan: Vol/Fol:

USE OF PLACE

Original Use: Hotel
Current Use: Bank

Ownership:

Public Access: No Occupied: Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls: Not applicable Roof: Not applicable

Condition: Good Integrity:

Original fabric: Modifications:

The site is now the location of the National Australia Bank.

HISTORY

Construction Date: 1885 Source: Bain, M.A.

Architect: Unknown Builder: Unknown

The Club Hotel, which opened in May 1885, was built and owned by Hannah Hosken. She employed a Perth architect to design the hotel which was claimed to be the most modern in the Colony, incorporating oregon and maple timber wall panelling imported from Canada. (Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996, p125-26) A "Gentlemen's Club" was established within the building where business men, pastoralists and mine owners could gather to socialise and gamble. In 1889, it was claimed that the hotel offered apartments for families, a banquet room catering for up to 100 people, a billiards room, a reading room and commercial room for commercial travellers. ("Geraldton: a Photographic History", pp. 102-03.) Hannah Hosken died in 1906 however her estate was not wound up until 1942, the Club Hotel proving too expensive an asset to be purchased in war and depression time. (Bain., p127)

hotel as having accommodation for over fifty guests, with a large, well-appointed dining room, sitting rooms and a drawing room. The balcony

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at the rear of the premises afforded good views of the ocean, jetty and port. The Geraldton Club still had its headquarters at the Club Hotel in 1901, renting spacious apartments for their use. (Thiel, P.W.H., "Twentieth Century Impressions of Western Australia", Perth, 1901, p596) In 1948, the hotel was taken over by the Shepheard family and renamed Shepheard's Hotel. That family continued to manage the business until their retirement in 1977, when the hotel was again renamed as the Ocean Centre Hotel. Demolition of the building occurred in September 1991.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 311 Hospitality industry and tourism

300 Occupations

AHC: 3.12.5 Retailing food and beverages

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of Shepheard's Hotel has historic significance for its connection to the early development of hotels in the town.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category: 5

Level of Significance: HISTORIC SITE: The site has historic significance

for its previous use and its role in the historical

development of the locality.

Management Proposed development may need to have Recommendation:

regard to possible archaeological evidence

remaining on the site. Recognise and interpret

the site if feasible. This may be achieved

through a variety of methods including, but not limited to, signage, public art, paving treatment and landscaping as well as design treatment of

any new development which reflects the

former use of the site.

OTHER LISTINGS

Shire of Greenough - Town Planning Scheme (70), 01/01/1970 National Trust of WA - Classified, 01/01/1970

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Considine & Griffiths Architects, "Geraldton Foreshore Conservation Plan", 2002 - Building 66.

GLLSPC - Marine Terrace.

Thiel, P.W.H., "Twentieth Century Impressions of Western Australia", Perth, 1901.

Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996.

"Geraldton: a Photographic History", Geraldton Regional Library, 2004.

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos

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