

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 294	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 05/12/1996	Last Revision Date: 02/12/2009	
HCWA Number: 13456	Asset ID: MCH127001	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Commonwealth Bank Fmr
Other Names:	Yamatji Land and Sea Council Office
Type of Place:	Offices
Address:	171 Marine Terrace
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference:	14.15	GPS Northing:	6814585.00	GPS Easting:	266486.000
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Photo Description:
28/02/2007

Rod Milne
Art Deco style detailing.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 401	Assess No.:	11549
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Bank	Occupied:	Occupied
Current Use:	Offices		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Restricted		

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Rendered Masonry	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:	Front doors		

This Art Deco style two storey rendered masonry office building has a single storey section to the rear. The symmetrical front facade features a tall parapet wall with curved decoration to each side. Vertical decorative banding emphasises the height of the building. The central entry door is recessed and has a box awning above. Windows are timber framed and double hung. The Art Deco decorative motifs include fluting, grooving and a stepped plinth.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1939	Source:	Geraldton Foreshore Conservation Plan
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

The Commonwealth Bank commenced operations in Geraldton in 1929. ("The First Hundred Years") In July 1939, it was announced that a building for the Commonwealth Bank was to be constructed in Geraldton on the site of the former Western Australian Bank. The building was constructed to a standard design that was utilised extensively at this time. (Geraldton Foreshore Conservation Plan)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	308 Commercial services and industries 301 Grazing, pastoralism and dairying
AHC:	3.18.2 Banking and lending 3.19 Marketing and retailing

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former Commonwealth Bank Building is a rare example of a pre World War II provincial city bank built in Art Deco style. Indeed the place is one of only a few Art Deco style buildings in Geraldton. Further the building contributes significantly to the streetscape of Marine Terrace, given its large scale and unusual design.

RECOMMENDATION:

Many of the buildings on Marine Terrace, between Cathedral Avenue and Fitzgerald Street, have high streetscape value due to their similar scale, style, retention of decorative features and period of construction.

Consideration should be given to recognising this area as a precinct with encouragement given to owners to enhance the heritage values of the buildings.

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

Considine & Griffiths Architects, "Geraldton Foreshore Conservation Plan", 2002 - Building 29.

GLLSPC - Banks.

"The First Hundred Years: Geraldton Centenary 1850-1950".

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

5/12/1996

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View of front facade from Marine Terrace