

City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places Place Record

Area: Geraldton Place Number: 298 Category: 3

 Assessment Date:
 05/12/1996
 Last Revision Date:
 18/12/2009

 HCWA Number:
 13460
 Asset ID:
 MCH127018

PLACE DETAILS

Name: Sydney Fong Building

Other Names: Wing on Woo & Co, Sydney Fong & Co

Type of Place: Shops

Address: 190-92 Marine Terrace

Suburb: Geraldton

LOCATION

Map 14.15 GPS 6814632.00 GPS 266414.000

Reference: Northing: 0000 Easting: 000



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14/12/2007 Rod Milne Art Deco influence to parapet detailing.

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SITE DETAILS

Lot No.: Lot 401

Reserv No.: Assess No.: 11478

Dia/Plan: Vol/Fol:

USE OF PLACE

Original Use: Shops
Current Use: Shops

Ownership:

Public Access: Restricted Occupied: Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls: Rendered Masonry Roof: Corrugated Iron

Condition: Good **Integrity:**

Original fabric:

Modifications: Art Deco upgrade to shopfront

This single storey painted rendered masonry building has a suspended box awning which runs the length of the building and has a pressed metal ceiling. The buttressed art deco style parapet wall which hides the gable roof has a taller central section which has stepped sides with vertical banding with this motif repeated at the centre. The name of the original occupants, "Sydney Fong & Co" in raised masonry lettering and painted in a contrasting colour is situated at the centre of the parapet.

HISTORY

Construction Date: unknown Source:

Architect: Unknown Unknown

Sydney Fong & Co were grocers, merchants and greengrocers.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 308 Commercial services and industries

605 Famous and infamous people

AHC: 3.19 Marketing and retailing

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is representative of the Art Deco style of shop decoration and given this contributes to the built fabric of the locale. The place also has historic significance as a business premise which has operated since 1888 and for its connection with the Fong family who were merchants in Geraldton for many years. 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: 3

Level of Significance: MODERATE SIGNIFICANCE: Important to the

heritage of the locality.

ManagementConservation of the place is recommended. **Recommendation:**Any proposed change to the place 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 71.

OTHER PHOTOS

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5/12/1996 Suba & Grundy Box awning runs the length of the building.

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