

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 277	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 05/12/1996	Last Revision Date: 30/11/2009	
HCWA Number: 4321	Asset ID: MCH127143	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Freemasons Hotel
Other Names:	79 Marine Terrace
Type of Place:	Hotel
Address:	79 Marine Terrace
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference:	15.15	GPS Northing:	6814833.00	GPS Easting:	266706.000
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Photo Description:

3/08/2007

Rod Milne

Corner tower reinstated.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 366	Assess No.:	11525
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

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

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Rendered Brick	Roof:	Colorbond
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

This large two storey L-shaped building is situated on a prominent corner location. The colorbond custom orb roof is hipped and steeply pitched. Two storey verandahs which cover the footpath have been reinstated. The ground floor features large arched windows with decorative label moulds. To the west facade some windows have been removed creating a colonnade. To the first floor there is a timber balustrade with tall double hung timber framed windows and french doors. The corner roof tower was reinstated in the early 2000's

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1896	Source:	Geraldton Foreshore Conservation Plan
Architect:	Henry Stirling Trigg		
Builder:	Trigg Brothers		

In the early 1870s the original Freemasons Hotel commenced business on the site adjacent to the 'new' Freemasons Hotel. In 1891 the Licensee is listed as Onslow Austin Trigg. The site was purchased for £1. The Freemasons Hotel was designed by Henry Stirling Trigg, the only native born architect in the Swan River Colony at that time. Although no records remain to substantiate the builder of the hotel, it is likely that William Trigg, a prominent builder in Geraldton and father of Onslow Austin Trigg, built the present structure in 1895. (Source: Heritage & Conservation

Professionals, "Heritage Report - The Freemasons Hotel", 1993, p12) Refer to the Geraldton Foreshore Conservation Plan for additional information - please note that some details conflict and require clarification through additional research.

HISTORIC THEMES

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This large two storey building is a central landmark in Geraldton. It has retained its high pitched roof and has had the verandah form restored and given this, the place makes a high contribution to the streetscape of the central business district. Further the place has considerable historic significance as a hotel which has operated in the town since 1896.

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 10.
GLLSPC - Buildings (Hotels), Geraldton (General), Marine Terrace.
GHSPC.

Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996.
Heritage & Conservation Professionals, "Heritage Report - the Freemasons Hotel", 1993.
"Geraldton: a Photographic History", Geraldton Regional Library, 2004.

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

5/12/1996

Suba & Grundy

Prominent corner location.