

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 278	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 08/12/1996	Last Revision Date: 30/11/2009	
HCWA Number: 13443	Asset ID: MCH127146	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Stokes' Geraldton Coffee Palace
Other Names:	Exchange Hotel, Camaleer's Boarding House
Type of Place:	Shops
Address:	92-98 Marine Terrace
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference:	15.15	GPS Northing:	6814771.00	GPS Easting:	266872.000
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Photo Description:

13/04/2008

Tanya Henkel

Large two storey building addressing Marine Terrace.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 227	Assess No.:	11500
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

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

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Brick (Rendered)	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

This two storey rendered brick building fronts directly on to the street. To the front elevation ground floor there are four shopfronts with large shop windows. A suspended box awning runs the entire length of the building. The second storey has a rendered masonry parapet with the words "Stokes' Geraldton Coffee Palace" in raised masonry. Engaged piers are sited between each word and at the ends of the parapet. The lower edge of the parapet is defined by a decorative frieze. At the base of each pier and below the frieze, there are decorative cornices. The windows to the first floor are timber framed and double hung, eight to the front (east) elevation and four to the south elevation. To the rear of the main building, there is a large two storey brick and fibro extension with seven timber framed double hung windows to each storey. Also to the rear elevation of the main building and the south elevation of the extension there is a two storey verandah, partially enclosed with windows.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	c1900	Source:	S. Gratte
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

The original owner was Stokes, a well known saddler in his day, especially around the goldrush. He is said to have employed over 25 saddlers. Stokes had the Coffee Palace and boarding house above erected c1900

to cater for the Goldfields holidaymakers. (Source: Stan Gratte) Further information on Mr Stokes can be found at the Geraldton Historical Society. Albert Facey stayed here as a young man. (Refer to "A Fortunate Life") The building has also accommodated the Exchange Hotel and presently houses the Camaleer's Boarding House. (Jim Lowrie, "A Mixed Bag of Things that Happened over the Years")

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	308 Commercial services and industries
AHC:	3.19 Marketing and retailing 9.7.3 Remembering the dead

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This place has historic significance as commercial premises which have operated in the town for many years. The large two storey building is a landmark at the north end of Marine Terrace and has retained some of its decorative features including the parapet wall to the street facade. Given this, the place makes an important contribution to the streetscape of Marine Terrace.

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 55.
GLLSPC - Geraldton (General).
Lowrie, J., "A Mixed Bag of Things that Happened Over the Years."

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:
8/12/1996
Suba & Grundy
Large two storey building.