

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 279	Category: 5
Assessment Date: 08/12/1996	Last Revision Date: 24/11/2009	
HCWA Number: 13444	Asset ID: MCH126668	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Site of Geraldton Post Office
Other Names:	Marine Terrace (15 Chapman Road)
Type of Place:	Site
Address:	Marine Terrace (15 Chapman Road)
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference: 15.15	GPS Northing: 6814789.00	GPS Easting: 266655.000
	GPS Northing: 0000	GPS Easting: 000



Photo Description:

3/08/2008

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Site of the Geraldton Post Office - reuse of stone and clock.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 364	Assess No.:	11532
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Post Office	Occupied:	Not Occupied
Current Use:	Site		
Ownership:	Telstra		
Public Access:	Yes		

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Not applicable	Roof:	Not applicable
Condition:	Not applicable	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Some reuse of stone, clock		
Modifications:			

The Post Office was demolished in 1979 and the site was left vacant, accommodating a public square. Stone from the original building was used to build a screen wall set back from the building line. The wall consists of stone piers and spandrels, the the decorative capitals from the original Post Office arcade used as pier tops. A number of plaques have been fixed to the walls commemorating the Batavia and Zeewijk. The former Post Office clock was reused in a new Rotary Clock Tower, a feature of the Marine Terrace Mall.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1893	Source:	Geraldton Foreshore Conservation Plan
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

By January 1893 the foundations had been laid for Geraldton's new Post Office building. Costing approximately 3,000 pounds, the building incorporated post and telegraph offices and the Post Master's residence. The new Post Office was opened on 11 December 1893. The building comprised two storeys with an ornate tower which was added in 1914. Private mail boxes were located to the right of the building and the telephone exchange was sited on the second floor on the left hand side. A new post office was constructed in Chapman Road in 1975, following

which the original building was left vacant prior to being demolished in 1979. Local stone mason, Sam Sciuto used stone from the original building to construct the screen wall at the rear of the new public square. ("Geraldton: a Photographic History")

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 206 Mail services
AHC: 3.7.1 Establishing postal services

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of the Post Office has historic significance for its connection to the development of communications in Geraldton. The site is still held in high esteem by the local community.

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 Recommendation: Proposed development may need to have 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

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Considine & Griffiths Architects, "Geraldton Foreshore Conservation Plan",

2002 - Building 13.

"Geraldton Guardian", 13/9/1973.

GLLSPC - Buildings (Miscellaneous), Marine Terrace, Railways.

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

Feilman & Associates, "Survey of Places of Historic and Landscape Significance in Geraldton", 1977.

OTHER PHOTOS

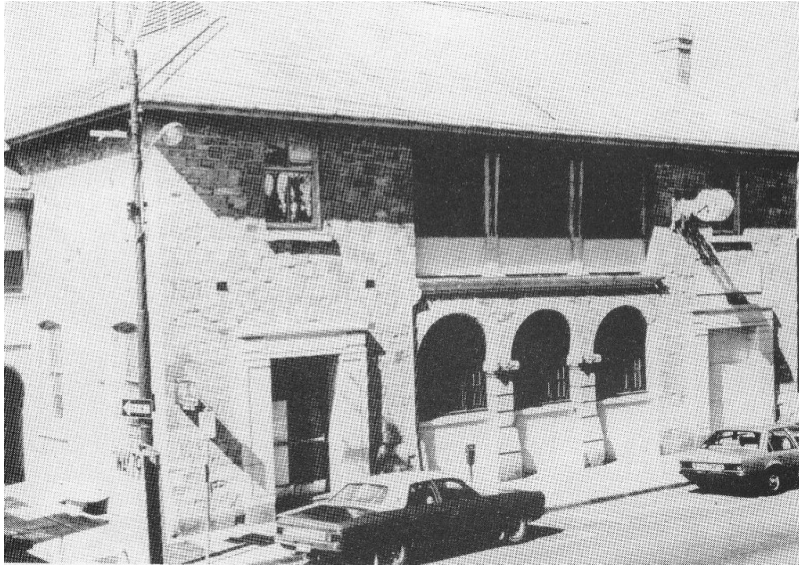


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Old Post Office