

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 283	Category: 5
Assessment Date: 01/01/1970	Last Revision Date: 30/11/2009	
HCWA Number: 13448	Asset ID: MCH126937	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Site of Christ Church
Other Names:	133 Marine Terrace
Type of Place:	Site
Address:	133 Marine Terrace
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference: 15.15	GPS Northing: 6814697.00	GPS Easting: 266598.000
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Photo Description:

Geraldton: A Photographic History
Christ Church fronting Marine Terrace.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 26	Assess No.:	11541
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Church		
Current Use:	Shops		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	No	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Not applicable	Roof:	Not applicable
Condition:	Not applicable	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:			

The site of Christ Church now accommodates the Bank West premises constructed in 1995.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1868	Source:	Doncaster, Rev E.W.
Architect:	William Trigg		
Builder:	William Trigg		

In 1868 the first Bishop of Perth, Rev. Mathew Hale D.D., travelled by schooner to lay the foundation stone of Christ Church, the second church to be built in Geraldton after the Methodist Church. The following record was placed in a bottle under the foundation stone: "The foundation stone of this church was solemnly laid by the Right Reverend Mathew Hale, D.D., the first Bishop of Perth, on Saturday, the twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight." The architect of the church was Mr William Trigg. When the church was demolished the foundation stone was found below ground level. (Doncaster, Rev. E.W., "The Diocese of North West Australia", Early Days, p57-58)

On 17 July, 1873 the Bishop consecrated the church. In 1893 the church was enlarged. The foundation stone for the extension was laid by Mr. Maitland Brown, the Resident Magistrate on 22 November. ("The First Hundred Years") Val Cook describes the church as it was in 1907: "Christ

Church with its beautiful coloured glass window behind the altar, was situated behind a wooden picket fence which ran to the footpath which continued to the corner of Cathedral Avenue." (Cook, V., "Marine Terrace in 1907", Way Back When, p8) The church had two tall turrets on the Marine Terrace frontage which were removed in 1950 for safety reasons. Just over a decade later the church was declared to be in a state of decay and the last service was conducted in October 1962. Christ Church was demolished in November, 1962 and the Rural and Industries Bank was built on the site the following year. (GLLSCVF - Churches, "Geraldton: A Photographic History" & "Geraldton Guardian", 12/9/1963, p1) The site now accommodates a new bank premises constructed in 1995.

The foundation stone of the Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Cross, located in Cathedral Avenue, was laid on 22 July, 1962. (Downes, J., "The Cathedral Church of the Holy Cross", undated brochure)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	406 Religion 301 Grazing, pastoralism and dairying 400 Social and civic activities
AHC:	8.6.4 Making places for worship 7.6.4 Dispensing justice

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of Christ Church has historic significance for its connection to early religious activities in Geraldton.

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 19.

Doncaster, Rev E.W., "The Diocese of North West Australia", Early Days, p.57-8.

"The First Hundred Years".

Cook, V., "Marine Terrace in 1907", Way Back When.

"Geraldton Guardian".

Downes, J., "The Cathedral Church of the Holy Cross", nd.

"Geraldton: A Photographic History", Geraldton Regional Library.

GLLSCVF - Churches.

OTHER PHOTOS

No other photos