

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 285	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 05/12/1996	Last Revision Date: 01/12/2009	
HCWA Number: 3513	Asset ID: MCH126950	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	St George's Building
Other Names:	141 Marine Terrace, cnr Cathedral Avenue
Type of Place:	Shop
Address:	141 Marine Terrace, cnr Cathedral Avenue
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference: 15.15	GPS Northing: 6814685.00	GPS Easting: 266588.000
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Photo Description:

10/01/2008

Rod Milne

Following redevelopment for bank purposes.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 25	Assess No.:	11542
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Shop		
Current Use:	Commercial		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Restricted	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Brick	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Original facade retained		
Modifications:			

This large two storey L-shaped building is situated on a prominent corner location with the main entry door located on the corner. The building underwent redevelopment in 1997 with only the facade of the original building being retained to accommodate its new use as the ANZ Bank. To the ground floor the walls were partially colonaded to the Cathedral Avenue frontage to facilitate footpath access. Ground floor walls were opened up and replaced with glazing. The second storey has a rendered masonry buttressed parapet wall with a decorative rendered frieze. To the corners of the building there are engaged piers with ashlar render. There is a series of arched windows to the first floor with an arched label mould which joins to form a string course. A second string course joins the window ledges. A frieze at half building height replicates the frieze below the parapet.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1910	Source:	J. Taylor
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

The St George's Building is believed to have been constructed about 1910 for the Anglican Diocese Trustees by the Geraldton builders J.J. Jenner and Haffner. Photographic evidence indicates that a tobacconist and barber's shops and a bank (the Commercial Bank of Australia) were

established on the ground floor with, among others, a dentist, tailor and lawyer tenancies on the first floor. The bullnose verandah to the street facades was removed in the 1940s and it is likely that the building was modified further in c.1960 which included removal of the triangular pediment and crowning decorative parapet as well as changes to the roof design. The south easterly portion of the building is a later addition. (Taylor, T., "St. George's Building Heritage Assessment", 1995.)

In the 1930s the ground floor corner tobacconist's shop was owned by George Houston, a former mayor of Geraldton who bought the business from Arthur Green. Next door was Bessie Rockliffe's dress shop and on the Marine Terrace side was Helen Cook's ladies hairdressers salon. (Suba, T., "On the Heritage Trail", MidWest Times, 21/12/94) In 1930 the Wise Owl Library was located on the Cathedral Avenue side of the building. From 1937-1944 the Davey's Drycleaners operated from a shop on the Marine Terrace frontage. The building has also housed Dr Zilko and Dr Scott and a tourist office. (Source: Shirley Scotter) In 1997 the building underwent substantial redevelopment with only the facade retained for the new premises of the ANZ Bank.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	308 Commercial services and industries 300 Occupations
AHC:	3.2 Constructing capital city economies

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the place has undergone considerable modifications over time, the St George's Building still retains its original window forms and decoration to the second storey of the street facade. This combined with its prominent corner location result in the place making a high contribution to the built fabric of the central business district. Further, the place is representative of commercial buildings of its era.

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

Shire of Greenough - Town Planning Scheme (67), 01/01/1970
National Trust of WA - Recorded, 01/01/1970

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Considine & Griffiths Architects, "Geraldton Foreshore Conservation Plan", 2002 - Building 21.
GLLSPC - Marine Terrace.
Taylor, J., "St George's Building Heritage Assessment", 1995.
Suba, T., "On the Heritage Trail", MidWest Times, 21/12/1994.

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

5/12/1996

Suba & Grundy

Prior to redevelopment and facadism.