

<b>Area:</b> Geraldton	<b>Place Number:</b> 287	<b>Category:</b> 5
<b>Assessment Date:</b> 16/12/1997	<b>Last Revision Date:</b> 01/12/2009	
<b>HCWA Number:</b> 3529	<b>Asset ID:</b> MCH126956	

### PLACE DETAILS

<b>Name:</b>	Site of Shepherd's Hotel
<b>Other Names:</b>	Club Hotel, National Bank
<b>Type of Place:</b>	Site
<b>Address:</b>	144-156 Marine Terrace
<b>Suburb:</b>	Geraldton

### LOCATION

<b>Map Reference:</b> 14.15	<b>GPS Northing:</b> 6814698.00	<b>GPS Easting:</b> 266504.000
	<b>GPS Northing:</b> 0000	<b>GPS Easting:</b> 000



**Photo Description:**

## SITE DETAILS

<b>Lot No.:</b>	Lot 20	<b>Assess No.:</b>	11485
<b>Reserv No.:</b>		<b>Vol/Fol:</b>	
<b>Dia/Plan:</b>			

## USE OF PLACE

<b>Original Use:</b>	Hotel		
<b>Current Use:</b>	Bank		
<b>Ownership:</b>			
<b>Public Access:</b>	No	<b>Occupied:</b>	Occupied

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Walls:</b>	Not applicable	<b>Roof:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Condition:</b>	Good	<b>Integrity:</b>	
<b>Original fabric:</b>			
<b>Modifications:</b>			

The site is now the location of the National Australia Bank.

## HISTORY

<b>Construction Date:</b>	1885	<b>Source:</b>	Bain, M.A.
<b>Architect:</b>	Unknown		
<b>Builder:</b>	Unknown		

The Club Hotel, which opened in May 1885, was built and owned by Hannah Hosken. She employed a Perth architect to design the hotel which was claimed to be the most modern in the Colony, incorporating oregon and maple timber wall panelling imported from Canada. (Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996, p125-26) A "Gentlemen's Club" was established within the building where business men, pastoralists and mine owners could gather to socialise and gamble. In 1889, it was claimed that the hotel offered apartments for families, a banquet room catering for up to 100 people, a billiards room, a reading room and commercial room for commercial travellers. ("Geraldton: a Photographic History", pp. 102-03.) Hannah Hosken died in 1906 however her estate was not wound up until 1942, the Club Hotel proving too expensive an asset to be purchased in war and depression time. (Bain., p127) In 1901 the proprietor was Mr Howard H. Evans. P.W.H. Thiel describes the hotel as having accommodation for over fifty guests, with a large, well-appointed dining room, sitting rooms and a drawing room. The balcony

at the rear of the premises afforded good views of the ocean, jetty and port. The Geraldton Club still had its headquarters at the Club Hotel in 1901, renting spacious apartments for their use. (Thiel, P.W.H., "Twentieth Century Impressions of Western Australia", Perth, 1901, p596)  
In 1948, the hotel was taken over by the Shepherd family and renamed Shepherd's Hotel. That family continued to manage the business until their retirement in 1977, when the hotel was again renamed as the Ocean Centre Hotel. Demolition of the building occurred in September 1991.

### HISTORIC THEMES

<b>HCWA:</b>	311 Hospitality industry and tourism 300 Occupations
<b>AHC:</b>	3.12.5 Retailing food and beverages

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of Shepherd's Hotel has historic significance for its connection to the early development of hotels in the town.

### MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

<b>Management Category:</b>	5
<b>Level of Significance:</b>	HISTORIC SITE: The site has historic significance for its previous use and its role in the historical development of the locality.
<b>Management Recommendation:</b>	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

Shire of Greenough - Town Planning Scheme (70), 01/01/1970 National Trust of WA - Classified, 01/01/1970
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## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Considine & Griffiths Architects, "Geraldton Foreshore Conservation Plan", 2002 - Building 66.

GLLSPC - Marine Terrace.

Thiel, P.W.H., "Twentieth Century Impressions of Western Australia", Perth, 1901.

Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996.

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

## **OTHER PHOTOS**

No other photos