

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 293	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 05/12/1996	Last Revision Date: 02/12/2009	
HCWA Number: 13455	Asset ID: MCH126718	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Queen's Hall Shops Fmr
Other Names:	Joseph's Furniture Arcade
Type of Place:	Shops
Address:	167-69 Marine Terrace
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference:	14.15	GPS Northing:	6814603.00	GPS Easting:	266515.000
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Photo Description:

13/12/2007

Rod Milne

Duplex shops with decorative parapet.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 1	Assess No.:	11548
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

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

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Rendered Masonry	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Stone walls		
Modifications:	Box Awning		

This single storey stone building contains two shops and fronts directly on to the street. To the front facade there are large shop windows, one with an original recessed entry door. A suspended box awning runs the entire length of the building. A skillion roof is hidden by a rendered masonry buttressed parapet. Decoration to the parapet above each shop is the same and consists of a triangular pediment inset with a swag set in front of the parapet and above a moulded frieze. The parapet has engaged columns to each side of a plain section which is set above the triangular pediment. A second open crown pediment is sited above the central section of the parapet wall.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	unknown	Source:	
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

This building formed the entrance to Geraldton's first picture theatre, "Queen's Hall", which screened silent pictures until the late 1920s. At this time Mr Wheat commenced screening movies in a large corrugated iron building, which is still largely intact to the north of the Colonial Hotel. Later, in the 1930s and 40s, Mr Joseph, ran a second hand shop and bicycle repair shop from the premises. (Source: Stan Gratte) Further information on the history of movie films is available at the Geraldton

Historical Society. According to Shirley Scotter this building accommodated the first printing premises for Constantine, who established the Geraldton Guardian. It was later used as Bryant's Chemist. Running between the shop and the adjacent bank building there used to be a 12 foot high stone fire wall which was topped with broken glass.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA: 308 Commercial services and industries
AHC: 3.19 Marketing and retailing

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of semi-detached single storey shops is a fine example of the use of decoration to the parapet, triangular pediment and open arched pediment above. It is possibly the best example of this style in Geraldton and is further enhanced by its duplication. Given this the place has aesthetic value and makes a high contribution to the streetscape of the central business district. In addition the place has some historic significance as a commercial premise which has operated in Geraldton for many years.

RECOMMENDATION:

Many of the buildings on Marine Terrace, between Cathedral Avenue and Fitzgerald Street, have high streetscape value due to their similar scale, style, retention of decorative features and period of construction. Consideration should be given to recognising this area as a precinct with encouragement given to owners to enhance the heritage values of the buildings.

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 28.

OTHER PHOTOS



Photo Description:

5/12/1996

Suba & Grundy

Decorative detailing to rendered front facades.