

<b>Area:</b> Geraldton	<b>Place Number:</b> 295	<b>Category:</b> 2
<b>Assessment Date:</b> 05/12/1996	<b>Last Revision Date:</b> 18/12/2009	
<b>HCWA Number:</b> 13457	<b>Asset ID:</b> MCH126744	

### PLACE DETAILS

<b>Name:</b>	Isles Building
<b>Other Names:</b>	Grantown Private Hotel
<b>Type of Place:</b>	Boarding House
<b>Address:</b>	172 Marine Terrace
<b>Suburb:</b>	Geraldton

### LOCATION

<b>Map Reference:</b> 14.15	<b>GPS Northing:</b> 6814659.00	<b>GPS Easting:</b> 266455.000
	<b>GPS Northing:</b> 0000	<b>GPS Easting:</b> 000



**Photo Description:**

28/02/2007

Rod Milne

Large building with decorative parapet.

## SITE DETAILS

<b>Lot No.:</b>	Lot 1	<b>Assess No.:</b>	11482
<b>Reserv No.:</b>		<b>Vol/Fol:</b>	
<b>Dia/Plan:</b>			

## USE OF PLACE

<b>Original Use:</b>	Boarding House/Shops		
<b>Current Use:</b>	Boarding House/Shops		
<b>Ownership:</b>			
<b>Public Access:</b>	Restricted	<b>Occupied:</b>	Occupied

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Walls:</b>	Rendered Masonry	<b>Roof:</b>	Corrugated Iron
<b>Condition:</b>	Good	<b>Integrity:</b>	
<b>Original fabric:</b>			
<b>Modifications:</b>	Original two storey verandah removed		

This large two storey rendered masonry building fronts directly on to the street. The ground floor contains a central entry doorway which provides access to the first floor and four shops which have large shop windows and recessed entry doors. Three of the four ground floor shopfronts remain in very original condition while the other has been modernised in an unsympathetic manner. The gable roof is short and steeply pitched to the front and has a long extension to the rear with a plain parapet wall to the gable ends. To the front (east) elevation the parapet has three distinct sections. The central section has a low plain parapet wall the centre of which is enlarged and contains the name of the building "Isles Building", in raised masonry letters. Above this panel, a triangular pediment contains a swag. Each side of the central parapet, two tall identical parapets have a moulded arched opening which contains a timber slatted vent. The sides of the parapet have buttresses with a decorative capping and slope upward to the base of a segmental pediment which contains a swag. Below the parapet a moulded frieze runs the length of the building. The central pediment and side parapets each cover a breakfront which is enhanced with rendered quoining. Two french doors above each shop and a single french door above the ground floor entry door have their own balcony with metal balustrade.

## HISTORY

<b>Construction Date:</b>	unknown	<b>Source:</b>	
<b>Architect:</b>	Unknown		
<b>Builder:</b>	Unknown		

According to Constance Norris parts of the original Gray's Store still exist in the rear of the present building and was the location for the first meetings of the Freemasons. (Norris, C., "Memories of Champion Bay or Old Geraldton", Soroptimist International of Geraldton, 1989, p85) M.A. Bain states that the building was originally the large home of Henry Gray, the Geraldton Merchant. (Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996, p72) An advert in the "Geraldton Guardian" describes the building as a "Select Residential Boarding House". ("Geraldton Guardian", 15/4/1915)

## HISTORIC THEMES

<b>HCWA:</b>	308 Commercial services and industries 311 Hospitality industry and tourism
<b>AHC:</b>	3.19 Marketing and retailing 3.22 Lodging people

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Isles Building (Grantown Guest House) has considerable aesthetic significance given its large scale and retention of decorative features such as its pediments, parapet and french doors. The place makes an important contribution to the built environment of the area. Further, the 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

<b>Management Category:</b>	2
<b>Level of Significance:</b>	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 68.  
GLLSPC - Marine Terrace.  
Norris, C., "Memories of Champion Bay or Old Geraldton", Soroptimist International of Geraldton, 1989.  
Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996.  
"Geraldton Guardian".

### **OTHER PHOTOS**



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Suba & Grundy

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