

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 296	Category: 4
Assessment Date: 05/12/1996	Last Revision Date: 18/12/2009	
HCWA Number: 13458	Asset ID: MCH127013	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Victoria Hotel
Other Names:	185 Marine Terrace
Type of Place:	Hotel
Address:	185 Marine Terrace
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference: 14.15	GPS Northing: 6814599.00	GPS Easting: 266479.000
	GPS Northing: 0000	GPS Easting: 000



Photo Description:

3/08/2007

Rod Milne

Front and side facades from Marine Terrace.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 8	Assess No.:	11550
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Hotel	Occupied:	Occupied
Current Use:	Vacant		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Restricted		

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Stone/Brick	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Some stone walls		
Modifications:	New brick facade		

This large two storey building, of local stone construction, has had a new unsympathetic brick facade added to the street elevation. Multiple corrugated iron hipped roofs are evident. The north facade has a parapet wall with double hung timber framed windows. Adjoining the north elevation is a drive through bottle shop and to the rear there is an external timber staircase and balcony.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1872	Source:	Bain, M.A.
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

In 1872 George Baston built the one-storied Victoria Hotel on Lot 4. Several years later he built the two storey Victoria House on an adjacent lot where he resided for some years. Baston died in 1894 and in 1907 the hotel was threatened with demolition due to problems associated with the raising of Marine Terrace. Subsequently a portion of the hotel was rebuilt at a cost of £4000. Len Shephard purchased the Victoria Hotel in 1922. (Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996, pp119 & 132-133)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	311 Hospitality industry and tourism 400 Social and civic activities
AHC:	3.12.5 Retailing food and beverages 8.5.4 Pursuing common leisure interests 8.5.2 Helping other people

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Victoria Hotel has considerable historic significance as one of the earlier hotels in the town. It has further significance for its connection to well known Geraldton businessman George Baston. Although the building has been altered, particularly the front facade, it nevertheless is a prominent part of the streetscape given its large scale and use of local materials.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	4
Level of Significance:	SOME SIGNIFICANCE: Contributes to the heritage and/or historical development of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is desirable. Any proposed change to the place should be in sympathy with the heritage values of the place.

OTHER LISTINGS

Heritage Council of WA - Register, 14/02/2003

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Considine & Griffiths Architects, "Geraldton Foreshore Conservation Plan", 2002 - Building 30.
Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996.
Norris, C., "Memories of Champion Bay or Old Geraldton", 1950.
GLLSPC - Buildings (Hotels) & Marine Terrace.
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"Geraldton: a photographic history", Geraldton Regional Library, 2004.

OTHER PHOTOS



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5/12/1996

Suba & Grundy

Unsympathetic modern brick facade to building frontage.