

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 133	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 15/10/1996	Last Revision Date: 03/11/2009	
HCWA Number: 13383	Asset ID: MCH126661	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Geraldton Beach Hotel
Other Names:	Shamrock Hotel, Colonial Hotel
Type of Place:	Hotel
Address:	15 Fitzgerald Street
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference:	14.15	GPS Northing:	6814475.00	GPS Easting:	266407.000
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Photo Description:

6/08/2007

Rod Milne

View of front facade from Fitzgerald Street.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 5	Assess No.:	11604
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

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

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Rendered Masonry	Roof:	Corrugated Iron
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Front section reasonably intact		
Modifications:	Numerous changes and additions over time		

This large painted and rendered brick two storey building has a large extension to the rear which forms an L-shaped structure. There is a skillion roof to the main (front) section with a hipped roof to the rear. A low parapet runs around the building and bears the name of the hotel "GERALDTON BEACH HOTEL". Windows are timber framed and double hung to the ground floor with bayed metal grilles. Upper floor windows are aluminium framed with blue painted shutters as decoration. Two aluminium framed entry doors are located to the street facade. A bottle shop operates from the side of the building.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1881	Source:	Owner
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

Originally called the Shamrock Hotel, it was built c1881 by the Quinn family from Ireland. (Source: Owner) One of the first hotels to be built in Geraldton, it was originally a single story building with the top floor added later. This was a favourite hotel with the sea men. (Norris, C., "Memories of Champion Bay or Old Geraldton", p.49)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	311 Hospitality industry and tourism
AHC:	3.12.5 Retailing food and beverages

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Geraldton Beach Hotel contributes to the built environment of the central business district of Geraldton given its large, and somewhat imposing scale. Although altered and extended over time, the place still retains some aesthetic value for its presentation to Fitzgerald Street as well as some interior spaces which remain relatively intact. Further the place has considerable historic significance as one of the earliest hotels built in Geraldton.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	2
Level of Significance:	CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	none

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Norris, C., "Memories of Champion Bay or Old Geraldton", Soroptimist International, 1989.

OTHER PHOTOS



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Suba & Grundy

Different building name and awnings to doors.