

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 45	Category: 5
Assessment Date: 11/11/1996	Last Revision Date: 29/09/2009	
HCWA Number: 13234	Asset ID: MCH126686	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Site of Council Chambers
Other Names:	22-24 Chapman Road
Type of Place:	Site
Address:	22-24 Chapman Road
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference: 15.15	GPS Northing: 6814771.00	GPS Easting: 266783.000
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Rod Milne

Park situated between the Murchison Tavern and Fmr Town Hall.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 384	Assess No.:	11724
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	Council Offices		
Current Use:	Park		
Ownership:	City of Geraldton-Greenough		
Public Access:	Yes	Occupied:	Not Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Not applicable	Roof:	Not applicable
Condition:	Good	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:	Roof reclad		

This site is the small grassed area between the Geraldton Art Gallery (former Town Hall) and the Murchison Tavern.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1897	Source:	M.A. Bain
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

In 1871 the Geraldton Town Trust was incorporated and operated from offices at Lot 59 Gregory Street until 1897. In this year Council took office in the new Council Chamber at the corner of Eleanor and Durlacher Streets on Lot 384, Reserve 3197. (Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996, p296) The Town Hall was built on the adjacent block in 1907.

In May 1913 a disastrous fire caused extensive damage to the Council Chambers, the adjacent Murchison Tavern and two nearby cottages. Fortunately most of the records were recovered. The Council Chambers were insured for 650 pounds. (Ibid., p133)

The new Geraldton Civic Centre located on Cathedral Avenue was opened by Queen Elizabeth II on 24 March, 1963. (Ibid, p303)

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	401 Government and politics
AHC:	7.6.1 Developing local government authorities

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site of the former Council Chambers has local historic significance for its association with local government in the town. It is one of three sites in Geraldton which have been used for the administration of the municipality.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

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

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

"Geraldton Express".
Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996.
GLLSPC - Buildings (Town Hall).

OTHER PHOTOS

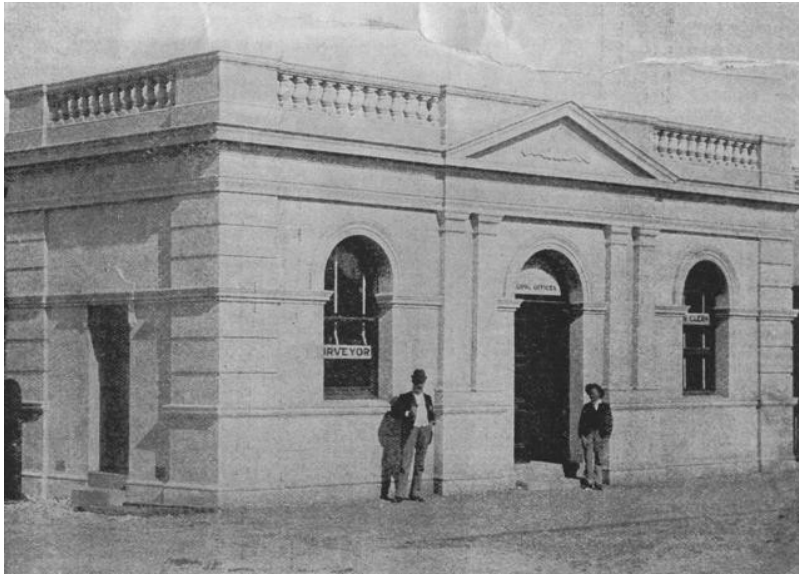


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Geraldton Express Supplement 1897 Regional Library
Site of Council Chambers at 22 Chapman Road.