

Municipal Inventory Information

LOCATION

HCWA Reference Number	1565
LGA Reference Number	78/14
Name of Place	Commercial Hotel
Location/Address	
Street Name	Barrack Street
Suburb/Town	Merredin Townsite
Other Locational descriptor	North side, mid-block, between Fifth and Bates Streets
Local Government Authority	Merredin
Map References	
Map Name	Merredin Townsite
Map Scale	1:2,000
Northing	6516200 m N
Easting	621200 m E

OWNERSHIP & LAND DESCRIPTION

<i>Owner</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone/fax</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Item No.</i>
Licencee: Sydney Richard & Judith Patricia Bell				
Land Description				
<i>Reserve No.</i>	<i>Lot/Location No.</i>	<i>Plan/Diagram</i>	<i>Vol/Folio</i>	<i>Item No.</i>

DESCRIPTION

Construction Date (1)	1912
Site Type	Hotel
Use(s) of Place:	
<i>Original</i>	Hotel
<i>Present</i>	Hotel
Construction Materials	
<i>Walls</i>	Brick, Garden Bond (three courses of stretchers, then one header), pointed at front.
<i>Roof</i>	Corrugated iron, gables at south east corner, otherwise hipped
<i>Other</i>	Floors, timber; windows timber double hung
Modifications	Front balcony; addition of steel escape stair at rear; ground floor infill of central court; toilet addition on west side
Condition	Good
Integrity	
With the exception of the front balcony, the building appears almost as constructed and has a reasonable integrity.	
Description	
One of the few two-storey buildings in the town, the hotel faces south on to the main shopping street, with a first floor cantilevered verandah. Two accommodation wings stretch back from the frontage, the eastern turning to form a central court, while the western extends further. Remaining in the front section are glassed wall and unglazed floor tiles at entrance doorways and a jarrah stair. There appears to be relatively few alterations internally.	

SIGNIFICANCE

Historic theme (s)	Occupations - Hoteliers
Statement of Significance	
The Commercial Hotel is the last remaining accommodation hotel in the town and is of historic and social significance as a community meeting place.	
Recommendation/ Conservation Strategy	Recognise and encourage protection through Town Planning Scheme. Photographically document prior to any modifications. Make owners aware of the heritage value of the building and encourage restoration of original front verandah to attract tourists.

OTHER

Listing and Assessment:	
<i>Assessor (s) Name</i>	<i>Assessor (s) Address/Phone</i>
Max Hipkins	WHELANS, 133 Scarborough Beach Rd, Mt Hawthorn, WA, 6016 Tel: (09) 443 1511
Film/Neg. Nos, date	3/12-18 18/12/1995
State Register of Heritage Places	No
Classified by the National Trust	No
Register of the National Estate	No
Local Town Planning Scheme	No