



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Interim Entry

1. **NUMBER** 0401
2. **NAME** *Busselton Court House and Police Complex*
3. **DESCRIPTION OF ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY (GENERAL)**

The complex of buildings as described in the Statement of Significance, and the land on which they stand being Reserve 38091 and Reserve 35361.

4. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Busselton

5. **LOCATION** Queen Street Busselton
Lot Busselton 388 OD 85397
Lot Busselton 361 OD 82761

6. **OWNER**

7. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE (ASSESSMENT IN DETAIL)**

PHYSICAL AND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

The complex consists of a linked series of buildings of various ages (1860, 1873, 1896 and 1900) whose original purpose was to house the town's law enforcement and administrative functions. It includes the local court, post and telegraph office, police station, two semi detached cottages used as police quarters, police stables, gaol and customs house which at one time was connected to the jetty by a tramway.

Some of the buildings are among the oldest remaining in the town and they are associated with two of the State's outstanding architects, Richard Roach Jewell and George Temple Poole.

The court house building itself is of brick and the other buildings in the complex are of limestone or rendered limestone. The original roofs were shingled but are now of corrugated iron.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The place has been assessed by the National Trust of Australia (WA) and has been entered in the Register held by that body as a classified building with the following statement of significance:

Significant for their architectural/technical accomplishment, these buildings are historically important, some sections being amongst the oldest remaining in the town of Busselton. The cells and stables reflect a way of life which has passed and the buildings generally are of social interest.

The place has also been assessed by the Australian Heritage Commission and has been entered in the Register of the National Estate with the following statement of significance:

This complex of buildings has considerable significance for its contribution to the social and economic history of Busselton. Some of the structures are among the oldest remaining in the town. The complex is associated with two of Western Australia's outstanding architects, Richard Roach Jewell and George Temple Poole, the latter's work being of national significance.

**8. REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES
(DATE OF GAZETTAL)**

Interim Entry 28/8/1992

Permanent Entry 20/8/93

9. CONSERVATION ORDER

10. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

11. REFERENCES

National Trust Assessment Exposition
Register of the National Estate