



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Interim Entry

1. **NUMBER** 2096
2. **NAME** *Government House Ballroom*
3. **DESCRIPTION OF ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY (GENERAL)**

The ballroom is a three level building constructed of stone and banded brick walls and is covered with a clay tiled roof. Its basic accommodation consists of an entry hall leading into the ballroom which incorporates an upper level gallery, and with a supper room of corresponding size at the lower level. The entry into the register includes the ballroom, dining room and other miscellaneous facilities sited adjacent to and within the same grounds as Government House.

4. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Perth
5. **LOCATION** St. Georges Terrace, Perth
Reserve 1149 Lot Perth S1
Reserve 1150 Lot Perth B6

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

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:

George Temple Poole describes it as 'an elegant composition' - internally a fine public space of the post gold rush period with a feeling of elegance and spaciousness due to the semicircular ends of the main space and ante-spaces set behind double height colonnading.

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 fine building was designed by H Beasley during J Grainger's term as Principal Government Architect, in the style of free classicism.

This building was completed and officially opened on June 22 1899 on the occasion of the anniversary of the Queen's accession and the visit of the Admiral Commanding-In-Chief. The ballroom with its piers, arcades, galleries and coved ceiling has always been a venue for most important functions entertaining distinguished visitors. This building has been historically, socially, architecturally and technologically significant to Perth.

**8. REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES
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9. CONSERVATION ORDER

10. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

11. REFERENCES

National Trust Assessment Exposition
Register of the National Estate