

**Heritage Item #**

MI Reference: 58 HCWA No: 10890	Place Name: Masonic Hall (fmr)	Other Name/s: Stone Court Restaurant (fmr)
		Date of Review: October 2021



Address: 16 Gordon Street (cnr Duke Street East), Northam	Lot No: 6 Property Key: Plan Diagram: 647 Vol Folio: 1498/380 Assess No: A15461
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Locality: Northam	GPS:
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Current Use: Residence	Original Use(s): Masonic Hall
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**HERITAGE LISTINGS**

Listings:

**CONSTRUCTION**

Date of Construction: 1902

Architect / Builder: Charles H Whiteford

Architectural Style: Federation Free Classical

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**



Description:

Masonic Hall (fmr), located at 16 Gordon Street, is a single storey stone building with a concealed corrugated steel hip roof displaying characteristics of the Federation Free Classical style of architecture.

The building is located on the corner of Gordon Street and Duke Street East with the main elevation addressing Duke Street East. The building is rectilinear with a symmetrical form. The walls are constructed from random coursed blue stone with rows of lighter coloured stone extending along the front facade.

The front façade has a decorative parapet with a central raised bay. The parapet features rendered pilasters, moulded capping and rendered circular motifs. Detailed entablature and dentils extend below the parapet line with rendered pilasters flanking the front façade featuring decorative Corinthian capitals. The roof features a face brick chimney to the eastern side. The building has a number of arched timber framed double hung windows with rendered surrounds.

An enclosed stone portico extends off the front facade and features a parapet and central pediment with decorative rendered spheres and classical detailing. The portico has a central timber framed window to the front and a side entry door.
The front garden has small shrubs and mature palm trees with additional planting extending along the eastern façade. A sign in the northern corner reads 'Stone Court'. The front yard is enclosed by a steel fence with a stone fence extending along Gordon Street.
Condition: Good
<b>HISTORICAL</b>
Notes: The Avon Lodge of Freemasons decided to erect a Masonic Temple on the corner of Gordon and Duke Streets at the beginning of 1902. Tenders were called by the architect, Charles H. Whiteford of Northam, in February 1902 and the foundation stone had been laid by May of that year.
Theme: Social & Civic Activities – Institutions; and Cultural activities
Associations: Freemasons
Heritage Assessment or Conservation Plan:
Public Access: No
<b>SIGNIFICANCE</b>
Level of Integrity: Medium
Level of Authenticity: High
Statement of Significance: Masonic Hall (fmr) is of cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The place is aesthetically pleasing as an example of the Federation Free Classical style. It has an unusual combination of face-cut stone, classical motifs and moulding and overall contributes to the streetscape and townscape character of Northam.</li> <li>• The place has social significance, for the associations with Freemasons in Northam, and in recent times as a restaurant.</li> <li>• The place is an important landmark building.</li> </ul>
Level of Significance: Considerable
Heritage Category: 2

Additional Photographs	
	
North Façade Source: Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2012	North West Corner Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021



Stone pediment  
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects  
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East Façade  
Source: Stephen Carrick Architects  
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