

The Coolgardie Post Office Complex Innovation and Economic Development Centre



A little touch of building history...

- The Coolgardie Post Office building was initially built in 1894 due to the rapid population growth of the Goldfields and Coolgardie with being the third largest town in WA required a building to house the different Government services for 25,000 residents.
- The Heritage Council of Western Australia have acknowledged that many of the Government buildings back in the 1890's were built of a standard design and capable of being constructed in any town across the state. **However**, the design of the Coolgardie Post Office building demonstrates Temple Poole's clever use of the picturesque nature of the "Federation Arts and Crafts" style. This design has certainly accommodated and handled the incremental expansion of the building over those early years for its services, and personnel, while still maintaining its civic stature.
- George Temple Poole was a prominent architect, and Superintendent of the Public Works Department from 1885 to 1896. Thirty-four of the approximately two hundred buildings for which he was responsible for had been classified by the National Trust of Australia as 'essential to the heritage of Australia and must be preserved'.
- Other examples of Temple Poole's fine work is the Warden's Court-Coolgardie, Fremantle Arts Centre, Perth's Royal Mint, Perth Treasury and the completion of the Goldfields Water supply scheme, the 556 km pipeline after the death of C. Y. O'Connor.
- George Temple Poole was also a very talented artist who painted in both watercolours and oils, he did exhibit and sell his work and they can still be seen in collections today. In 1889 he had been a founder and sometime president of the Wilgie Sketching Club (later named the Western Australian Society of Arts).
- 128 Years later from the initial build the Shire of Coolgardie is excited to be sharing this building with positive partners to assist in the delivery of the Shire's vision to the community and visitors of Coolgardie. Ironically the building design appropriately named as the Arts and Crafts style will certainly be hosting and delivering those two key elements.
- The Shire's vision of being "A connected, progressive and welcoming community" will certainly be enhanced with the opportunities of the different areas within the Coolgardie Innovation and Economic Development Centre.



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Area 1
Commercial Office and small business collaborative area

1 x Downstairs Room

1 X Coolgardie Place Manager Office

1 x Shared Kitchen

2 x Upstairs Rooms

Area 2
Currently occupied

Area 2
Old Gaol and outside Gaol Yard open daily to the public unlocked by the Visitor Centre staff

Area 3
Currently occupied

Area 4
Casual spaces available for bookings:

Community Hub downstairs

Workshop Downstairs with adjoining Commercial Kitchen

Business Incubator and Hive upstairs with 2 x office rooms

Area 5
Fire Damaged Area

Area 6
Large gallery and function casual space area for art, music, gallery markets, and functions and events

Bookings required

Shire of Coolgardie's Community Strategic Plan Aspirations 2018 - 2028

Accountable and
Effective Leaders

An Inclusive, Safe and
Vibrant Community

A Thriving Economy

Effective Management
of Infrastructure,
Heritage and
Environment

Shire of Coolgardie's Strategic Tourism Plan

Vision

To establish the Shire of Coolgardie as a lead regional tourism destination in the Goldfields region - with a thriving visitor economy - based on diverse and engaging tourism and historical experiences.

Mission

By 2023, the implementation of the Shire of Coolgardie's Strategic Tourism Plan will have contributed to the following:

- Enhanced collaboration amongst regional partners and tourism industry groups.
- Tourism activity will have attracted new residents, increased investment, and expanded the business community.
- Boosted the region's competitive position in the marketplace and positively contributed to the local economy.
- Brought the region's heritage to life by making it more accessible to the community and visitors alike.

Building Activation Funding Key Points



To stimulate positive interaction in the community



To develop culturally appropriate areas to conduct workshops, training and other social, creative and recreational activities



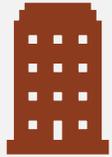
Showcasing of culture and heritage through art, products, stories and artefacts



To create social and economic opportunities for the community and the Goldfields Esperance region



One stop shop for the development and growth of local and regional start up businesses with access to wrap around services.



Thank you for visiting the Coolgardie Post Office Complex Innovation and Economic Development Centre today.



The Expression of Interests are open until 4pm on Monday 9th January 2023



Enjoy your tour.