



TOWN OF VINCENT

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Historic Building Continues to Service Local Community

With a winning bid of \$1.725 million, the Town of Vincent has secured the future of the heritage-listed former police station in North Perth.

On Saturday 24 October 2009 the Town of Vincent successfully bid on the property at 81 Angove Street ensuring that the iconic building remains an active part of the local community.

"We are delighted that we have been able to purchase the old police station. Built in 1908 the station has been a fixture in Vincent for over a century and now we can guarantee that this historic building continues to service our community for generations to come", enthused Mayor Nick Catania.

"Details on the future use of the building are yet to be finalised, but there is every likelihood that it will be used by a local community organisation. Given the important role that the building has played in the social and civic foundations of Vincent – being the first police station built in North Perth during the population boom in the 1900s – it is only fitting that this historic site should continue to provide valuable services to the community and we will be investigating the best possible uses for the site," continued Mayor Catania.

Designed by Hillson Beasley in the Federation Free Classical style, the Angove Street building cost £816 to build and housed the local police station on one side and the police officer-in-charge's living quarters on the other. The distinctive "blood and bandages" design of horizontal striping formed by brickwork and white painted render is an example of the architectural style favoured in the late gold rush era. The building was State heritage-listed in 1999.

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