

VASSE TERRACE, HIGHGATE



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Vasse Terrace
Other names	Residences, 7-13 Vasse Terrace
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	8716
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	7 - 13 Harley St
Locality	Highgate
Survey	LOT: 1-4 STR: 6185
Vol/folio	1683/200 1509/794 1509/795 1509/796
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<p>Moderate</p> <p>Contributes to the heritage of the locality. Has some altered or modified elements, not necessarily detracting from the overall significance of the place.</p>
Management category	<p>Category 3</p> <p>Conservation of the place is desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and retain original fabric where feasible.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>The place has aesthetic value as a fine and intact example of the Federation Queen Anne style applied to a group of four terraces which is a landmark in the streetscape.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the city fringes during the rapid population increase of 1890's gold boom and the early years of the twentieth century.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the small scale property development undertaken by individuals in the gold boom period.</p> <p>This place is valued by the community for the continuity of its presence in the streetscape which contributes to the community sense of place.</p>

PLACE USE

Original use	Residential: Conjoined Residences
Current use	Residential: Conjoined Residences
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Construction date	c1897
Walls	Painted Brick Rendered Brick
Roof	Corrugated Metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Italianate
Physical description	A terrace of four attached single storey houses separated by fin walls. The terrace features a prominent parapet decorated with balusters, triangular pediments and ball finials. The name 'Vasse Terrace' is embossed on the pediment of No 11. A skillion verandah runs across the entire front. The two central dwellings have floor-to-ceiling height sash windows, while the two end dwellings have sash windows with regular height sills. Gardens are in place behind the brick and iron front fence.
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Harley Street was part of the Highgate Hill subdivision, developed by surveyor Charles Crossland in 1874. He named the subdivision after his birthplace in London, and Harley Street was most likely named after the London street of that name, famous for being the address of medical specialists. However, this street was a typical suburban street and did not become noted for housing medicos.

Highgate was one of the earliest suburban areas to be settled, commencing with a group of workman's cottages erected on the eastern side of Beaufort Street. It was slow to develop initially until both the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches were granted land in the area on the western side of Beaufort Street in the 1880's. St Alban's Anglican Church was subsequently erected at No. 423 Beaufort Street in 1889 and the Sacred Heart Convent and School in 1898 and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in 1897 was erected in Mary Street.

Highgate Primary School was opened in Lincoln Street in 1895 as a result of a sudden increase in population and this attracted more families to the suburb as did the development of nearby Hyde Park around the turn of the century. No places were shown in Harley Street in the 1897 PWD sewerage plans, but the subject terrace and another ten dwellings were listed in the 1898 City of Perth Rate Books.

The terraces were also shown on the 1900 PWD sewerage plans. In 1898, the terraces were valued at £400 each, and were owned by Mrs A. Gardiner. The name of the building 'Vasse Terrace' suggest Mrs Gardiner had a connection with the Vasse district, near Busselton. No detail of the architect or builder have been determined.

In April 1897, an advertisement was placed in the The West Australian by Mrs Jones of No.7 Vasse Terrace for 'quite batchers' to occupy two front rooms with the 'use of kitchen'. This indicates that the place was complete by this time. Later, in May 1897, No. 7 Harley St, a four-roomed house is advertised for lease.

The first tenants recorded in the Post Office Directories were butcher, George Nichols; dealer, Thomas Davis; a shipwright (name unclear), and J. B. Miller.

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In 1905, cab proprietor Edward Winder was one of the tenants. No other occupations were given for the residents at that time, but other occupations listed for the street in Wise's Post Office Directories between 1898 and 1949 were a butcher, bricklayer, grocer, music teacher, carrier and market dealer.

In 1915, the residents were George Lovett (No. 7), John G. Stocker (No. 9), William J. Richards (No. 11) and Anthon R Fouchard (No. 13) and in 1949 the last year of the Directories they were Mrs Haper (No. 7), Patrick Brophy (No. 9), Mrs Jean Reilly (No. 11) and Alfred Powell (No. 13). The terraces were renovated in the 1970s and later strata titled.

Aerial photographs since the mid 20th century indicate that the building was originally clad with red corrugated iron. This roof cladding was replaced in stages, and minor additions have been undertaken to the rear of the individual premises.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic development Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations		
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. The West Australian, 30 April 1897, p. 2; 5 May 1897, p. 2.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

