

# TERRACE OF 4 HOUSES, CHATSWORTH RD, HIGHGATE



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Terrace of 4 Houses, Chatsworth Rd
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	6117
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995 Classified by the National Trust Recorded

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	47-53 Chatsworth Rd
Locality	Highgate
Survey	LOT: 107 D/P: 66935 LOT: 104 D/P: 66935 LOT: 103 D/P: 62389 LOT: 100 D/P: 62389
Vol/folio	1675/674 1675/673 1612/999 1612/998
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<b>Moderate</b> Contributes to the heritage of the locality. Has some altered or modified elements, not necessarily detracting from the overall significance of the place.
Management category	<b>Category 3</b> Conservation of the place is desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and retain original fabric where feasible.
Statement of significance	The place has aesthetic value as a fine and intact example of the Federation Queen Anne style applied to a terrace development which is a landmark in the streetscape.  The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the city fringes during the early years of the twentieth century.  The place is valued by the community for the continuity of its presence in the streetscape which contributes to the community sense of place.

PLACE USE	
<b>Original use</b>	Residential: Conjoined Residences
<b>Current use</b>	Residential: Conjoined Residences
<b>Other use</b>	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
<b>Construction date</b>	1903
<b>Walls</b>	Brick
<b>Roof</b>	Corrugated Metal sheeting
<b>Architectural Style</b>	Federation Queen Anne
<b>Physical description</b>	<p>Four attached two storey terrace houses with the upper level, accessed by stairs, just above street level and the lower storey appearing as a basement, reflecting the steep slope of the land down to the rear of the site.</p> <p>The red face brick facades of the upper storey feature twin double hung windows surmounted by a band of decorative stucco, and a finial topped gable feature set into the roof above a bull-nose verandah.</p> <p>The lower storey is constructed from stone. The massive brick chimneys shared by each pair have 8 chimney pots.</p> <p>Lawns and gardens in the small street setback Alterations and additions undertaken to No. 47</p>
<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Integrity</b>	High
<b>Authenticity</b>	High

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Chatsworth Road is part of the Highgate Hill subdivision developed by surveyor Charles Crossland in 1874, and named for his birthplace in London. The street was named about 1883 by Samuel Copley who further subdivided the land there. Chatsworth in Yorkshire, England was his birthplace. The road is an intact streetscape characterised by consistent small front and side setbacks and predominately single-storey cottages of a modest scale. The Perth Metropolitan Sewerage Maps dated 1897 and the Building Licences issued for Chatsworth Road indicate that the first development along Chatsworth Road commenced in 1896 and continued throughout the Gold Boom Period with most of the street being built out by 1910.

The Perth Rates Books indicate that architect Mr Duncan H Inverarity, was the owner of the land in 1900 and 1901 prior to the construction of the four terraces. In 1902 when the land was still vacant, mine manager, William John Hayes was listed as the owner of the land. William John Hayes, was owner of the land when the four terraces were constructed in 1903.

The rates books show that in 1904 Mr Hayes rented the terraces to Mr A McDonald, an inspector (No. 47); Nicholas Greet, a labourer (No. 49) and Ernest Hugh Hamilton, an architect (No. 51) with No. 53 being vacant. The development of nearby Hyde Park took place around the turn of the century and this attracted new people to this area as did the introduction of electric trams along Beaufort Street, following the passing of the WA Tramway Act of 1897.

While those residents who worked in Perth could walk to work, access to and from the area was very much improved with the introduction of the service. The trams were gradually phased out during the 1950's and replaced by trolley buses. The last tram to the Vincent area ran on the North Perth line on 1 February 1958.

The Wise Post Office Directories indicate that throughout the first part of the twentieth century the terraces continued to be rental properties, with short term tenants, most of which staying only a couple of years. In 1949, the last year the Directories were published No. 47 was empty and the residents in the others were: Mrs Dublin (No. 49), Les A. Phillips and Alex Crocos (No. 51) and Mrs Laura Weeks in No. 53.

Aerial photographs demonstrate there has been no change to the form or extent of the cottages although alterations are likely to have occurred internally.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
<b>Historic theme</b>	Cultural Life: Domestic Life Peopling WA: Demographic Development
<b>Associations</b>	
<b>Sources</b>	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.

### ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

