

SHOPS, 515-517 BEAUFORT ST, HIGHGATE



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Shops, 515-517 Beaufort St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	8587
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	515-515 Beaufort St
Locality	Highgate
Survey	LOT: 24 D/P: 672
Vol/folio	1356/773
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>May have some altered or modified elements, not necessarily detracting from the overall significance; contributes to the heritage of the locality.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>These shops at No. 515-517 Beaufort Street, are an integral part of the Beaufort Street retail strip for almost a century.</p> <p>This place demonstrate fine detail of the Federation Free Classical style above the cantilever awning. Portion of the shop front demonstrates Inter War Art Deco style.</p> <p>This place has historic value for its association with the development of Highgate in the early 20th century and the provision of retail premises such as these shops demonstrate the population growth in the vicinity.</p> <p>The evolution of the building demonstrates the changing nature or retail offerings throughout the 20th century, from groceries to more specialist goods and services.</p> <p>This place has been part of the retail shopping precinct in Highgate since the early 20th century and therefore contributes to the community sense of place.</p>

PLACE USE

Original use	Commerce: Shop / Retail
Current use	Commerce: Shop / Retail
Other use	Commercial: Other

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Construction date	c1903
Walls	Rendered Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Free Classical
Physical description	<p>Pair of single storey attached shops which were constructed with central pediments having moulded rose motifs.</p> <p>The original verandah and posts have been replaced with a cantilevered awning. Art Deco shopfront on portion of the building demonstrate that the shop fronts were modified in the 1930's</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	Moderate

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Part of Perth Suburban lots 147 - 149 were acquired by Dr Judah Hora, and then by sub-inspector of Police, Thomas Rowe, who subdivided the land. The subdivision was bordered by Beaufort, Harold, Stirling and Lincoln Streets. These shops are erected on a site which forms part of the Highgate Hill subdivision, which initially took place in the 1870's and one of the first subdivision in Perth. However, development was slow initially and access to the area was poor. Although Harry Prately ran a hansom cab service in the area in the 1880's, even by 1891 the bitumen only reached a little beyond St Albans's.

Information from the Post Office Directories indicate that the shops at Nos. 515-517 Beaufort Street were built between 1903 and 1904 and owned by patent agent Richard Sparrow. Also in 1904, the shops on the adjoining land, numbered 507-513 Beaufort Street on the corner of Mary Street, were built for Ethel Johnston.

Walter Wadston, fruiter, occupied both premises at Nos. 515-517 until 1908, when Mrs Dhu occupied No. 517.

In 1931, the occupant of 515 Beaufort Street, William Williams a labourer was charged with operating a betting shop from the premises. Again in 1933, the occupant of 515 Beaufort Street, Basil Beale was charged with keeping a common gaming house on the premises.

In 1932, No. 515 was a fancy goods store run by Don McKay, while picture framer Bernard Roffman occupied No 517.

In 1949, it was occupied by Miss Jean Quinn who ran a mixed business and in 2007 it was the Mykonos Greek restaurant.

The shop front of the northern portion of the building demonstrates detail that is consistent with the Inter War period, the southern portion has a contemporary fit out.

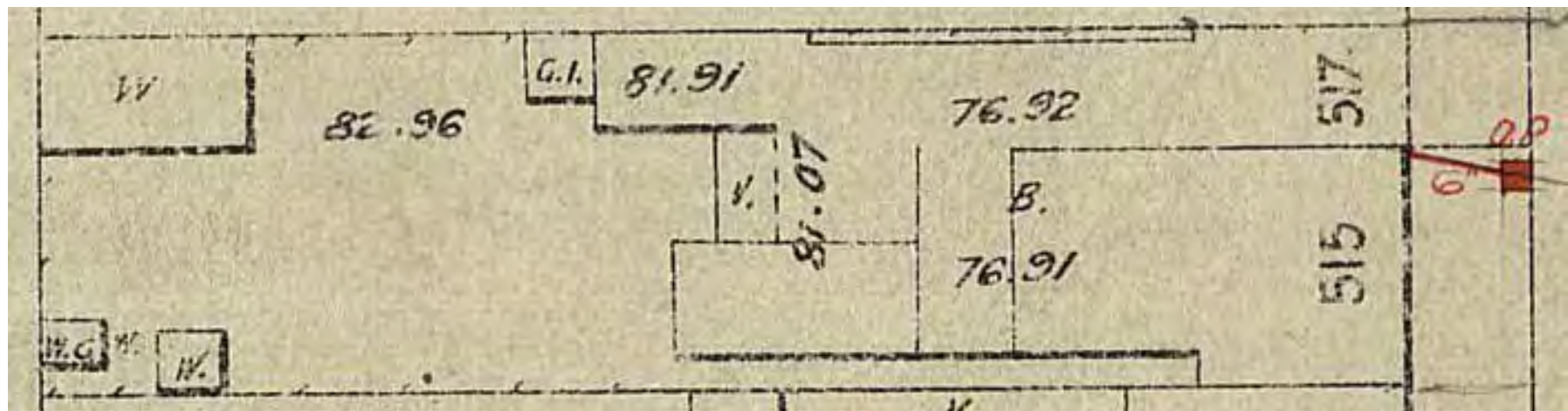
Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century indicate that the premises were significantly extended to the rear c1980. Since then there have been no significant alterations in the form or extent.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION		
Historic theme	Economy: Commerce Peopling WA: Demographic Development	
Associations	Richard Sparrow	Original Owner
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006. Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. The West Australian, 25 April 1931, p. 8. The Mirror, 8 April 1933, p. 4.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPH



ARCHIVAL IMAGE



SEWERAGE PLAN 1912. COURTESY SROWA SHEET 95.