

HOUSE, 24 HARLEY ST, HIGHGATE



PLACE INFORMATION

Place name	House, 24 Harley St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING

inHerit ID:	11439
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION

Street address	24 Harley St
Locality	Highgate
Survey	LOT: 55 D/P: 1106
Vol/folio	973/97
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 a generous residence in the Federation Queen Anne style which is a landmark in the streetscape.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of commercial and residential buildings on the city fringes during the rapid population growth following the Gold Boom and in the early years of the twentieth century.</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: Single Storey Residence
Current use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	c1898
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated Metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	The house is symmetrically planned with a central door with sidelights and fanlights, flanked by double hung sash windows to the front room.
	The walls are face brickwork with a stucco band at sill height. The iron roof is hipped and surmounted by symmetrically placed face brick chimneys, at either end of the ridge.
	The bullnose verandah, supported on turned and bracketed posts with a spindled bressemer, runs the full width of the façade.
	The building is located close to the front property boundary behind a narrow garden with a palisade fence to the street,
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Harley Street is 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 is most likely named after the London Street of that name, famous for being the address of medical specialists.

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 the street in the 1897 PWD sewerage plans, but there were ten dwellings and a terrace (Nos. 7 - 13) listed in the City of Perth Rate Books of 1898. It is not clear if No. 24 was one of those listed, but the place appears on the 1900 PWD sewerage plan series.

No. 24 was listed for the first time in 1899 in Wise's Post Office Directories as being occupied by William A. Burnmeister and in 1900 by James Brennan.

In 1925, the resident was Michael John Waldron, salesman; his wife Johann; John Francis Waldron, clerk; Monica Mary Waldron, shop assistant and Kathleen Veronica Waldron telephonist. The Waldron family owned and occupied the residence after the deaths of Michael in 1927 and Johanna in 1944. In 1949, the resident was Miss L. Waldron indicating that the Waldron family had been residents from at least 1935 until 1949 when the Directories ceased.

Aerial photographs from the late 20th century indicate that an extension was added to the back of the building around 1984. With an additional extension made in 2004. There have been no visible external changes since then, with the exception of installation of solar panels not visible from the road.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION		
Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic development Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	Waldron family	Owners and occupiers
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

