

SHOPS, 489-491 BEAUFORT STREET HIGHGATE



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Shops, 489-491 Beaufort St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17969
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	489-491 Beaufort St
Locality	Highgate
Survey	LOT: 39 D/P: 672
Vol/folio	1814/633
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<p>Considerable Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/ authenticity.</p>
Management category	<p>Category 2 Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>The place has aesthetic value as a good and largely intact example of the Federation Italianate style executed in brick still evident in the detail of the main elevation.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the commercial development of Highgate in the early 20th century.</p> <p>The changing occupancy and use of these premises are a good illustration of the changing demography of the district and metropolitan Perth.</p> <p>The place has social value for its continued presence in the streetscape since the early 20th century and contributes to the community sense of place.</p>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Commercial: Shop/Retail
Current use	Commercial: Restaurant
Other use	Residential: Two Storey residence

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1902; 1980s;
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Italianate
Physical description	<p>The double storey shop building is a brick construction. The roof is concealed by an elaborate central stepped pedimented parapet.</p> <p>The centre is flanked by balustrade parapets each section divided by pilasters decorated with decorative stucco vases. The upper floor windows are symmetrical with a vertical configuration with the two central windows infilled with brick and double hang sashes on one side and aluminium frame on the other.</p> <p>The face brick wall has a central horizontal rendered band. A cantilevered boxed canopy is in place across the frontage.</p> <p>The ground floor shop fronts appear to be largely consistent with original styling although the awning is a later addition.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The subdivision of Highgate Hill was developed by surveyor Charles Crossland in 1874, and named after his birthplace in London. In the 1890s, the area developed rapidly, assisted by the Catholic Church Mount Heart subdivision in Mary and Harold streets. In 1900, the site of Nos. 489-491 was one of a number of vacant pieces of land in the section of Beaufort Street between Vincent and Walcott streets. Those that were built on were occupied with shops and attached residences at the time. No. 489 Beaufort Street was built circa 1902 and occupied by Mr H. J Breen. Mr Breen's occupation is not listed. In fact, the only shop listed in the Wise's Post Office Directories is Mrs Elizabeth H. Gleadell's 'fancy repository' at No. 483. With the inclusion of Breen's establishment in 1902 there were still only five places occupied between these streets.

Some commercial development must have taken places quickly around this time though as the following year (1903) there were nine but Mrs Gleadell's was still the only shop listed. Even so there were nine missing street numbers between Mrs Gleadell at No. 483 and Alfred Merrifield at No. 507 (the last establishment before Walcott Street), indicating that there were still a number of unoccupied blocks.

In 1910, No. 489-491 Beaufort Street is recorded in the Post Office Directory as being occupied by confectioner, Mrs Amelia Farmer and newsagent, Edward G. Rome and amongst the other shops were a wine saloon, bootmaker, cycle agent and butcher. It is probable that all the ground floor was used for the premises and the upper level was the residence for the shop owners or managers.

In 1915 the confectioners shop at No. 489 was run by Albert A. Percy Cleaver and Arthur Cleaver, as the Cleaver Brothers, and No. 491 was a news-agency and post office run by William Scott. They were still there in 1920 and a William J. Cleaver was occupying the residence. In 1930 the news-agency was still running at No. 491, operated by J. R. Sunter, while electrician John Green ran his business from No. 489. By then the street block was fully occupied with retail and commercial premises including a butcher, confectioner, hairdresser & tobacconist, pastry-cook, wine saloon, Commonwealth Savings Bank, greengrocer, draper and Jack Kailis' Royal Fish Shop at No 487.

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In 1938, the premises were a mixed business and a greengrocer and in 1949 Mrs R. Murphy had a business there. The building has more recently been occupied by the Thanh Tan Vietnamese Restaurant & Bakery and Thanh Tan Flower Shop, reflecting the changing demography of the area and in 2007 by the Saigon Viet Restaurant.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate the building at No. 489 was renovated in the late 1980s with a large extension added, and has changed little since then.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development Economy: Commerce Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations		
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



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.	