

HOUSE, 6 ST ALBANS AVENUE, HIGHGATE



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 6 St Albans Ave
Other names	Yeats Residence (fmr)
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	8743
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	6 St Albans Ave
Locality	Highgate
Survey	LOT: 5 D/P: 2447
Vol/folio	1775/765
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.</p> <p>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 for its demonstration of the form and detail of the Federation Queen Anne style executed in brick.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the city fringes during the rapid population increase of the 1890's gold boom and 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> <p>The place has social value as it still demonstrates the scale and form of a home for a professional, or skilled worker typical of the early 20th century.</p>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Current use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	C1903; 1985
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated Metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	<p>The place is a substantial dwelling with a protruding front room and a bullnose return verandah. The two gable ends to the two principal facades, are decorated with finials and the gable truss is partly infilled with fretted boards. The verandah is supported by turned posts with cast iron brackets and a timber cotton reel frieze, en lieu of a bressemer. The pebbledash chimney is corbelled. The face brickwork has been maintained, as has the timber joinery to all openings. Small garden behind high brick and palisade front fence.</p> <p>The detail of the construction has been drawn from an earlier description as the place is now [2024] largely obscured by planting</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Highgate Hill was subdivided and developed by surveyor Charles Crossland in 1874, and named for his birthplace in London. St Alban's Avenue was named for the Anglican Church built in 1889 at the end of the street, one the corner of Beaufort Street.

No. 6 was not listed in the 1898 City of Perth rate books but appeared on the 1900 PWD City & Suburbs sewerage plans, indicating an 1899 construction date. Other houses that appeared on the 1900 PWD sewerage plans for the street were the semi-detached pair at Nos 10-12, and the single dwellings at Nos 14, 18, 7, 13 and 17.

The street was not listed in Wise's Post Office Directories until 1905 and then no numbers were allocated but John Yeats (a builder) was listed as residing on the right-hand side of the street and there were eight other households. Information from the City of Perth Rates Books indicate that John Yeats (c1857-1919) and his wife Margaret were living at the house in 1904 indicating the house was built c1903, and likely to have been built by Yeats.

Numbers were included in the 1908 issue for the first time and the occupant was Thomas Jolly. Jolly, who had been listed the previous year as well, was the manager of Stewart Dawson & Co., jewellers of 613-615 Hay Street, Perth. By 1910, the street was completely occupied with 10 single dwellings and the semi-detached pair. All were of brick construction.

In 1915, Frederick John Hird was recorded in the Directories as occupying the place and in 1925 it was Arthur C. G. Rosser, who was still there in 1949, the last year they were printed. Residents were attracted to the area early on by the higher blocks and the existence of three churches: St Alban's (Church of England), Sacred Heart (Roman Catholic built in 1897 and rebuilt in 1905 at No. 64 Mary Street and St Mary's (Roman Catholic) constructed in 1906. There were also two schools in the area: the State School in Lincoln Street (No. 147 built in 1895) and Sacred Heart Convent School (1899) in Mary Street. The Anglican Perth College later moved from the Deanery in Perth to Beaufort Street in Mount Lawley.

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Subsequent additions were made to this residence in 1985 by Frisian Pty Ltd and that same year the owner, Mr Court, applied for a licence to erect a garage.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show very few changes to the subject site until the late 1980s when a new roof was installed. Around this time an extension of the back patio area was added to the building, finishing in the mid 1990s. This renovation included the aforementioned garage that faces Mereny Lane. There have been no visible changes since that time.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic development Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	John and Margaret Yeats Thomas Jolly Frederick John Hird Arthur C. G. Rosser Frisian Pty Ltd Mr Court	First owners and occupants Occupant Occupant Occupant Builder Owner
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. City of Perth Rates Books	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

