

# MENZIES PARK, MOUNT HAWTHORN



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Menzies Park
Other names	
Place type	Urban Park

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17998
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	Cnr Egina St and Purslowe St
Locality	Mount Hawthorn
Survey	
Vol/folio	
Reserve	

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<p><b>Moderate</b></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><b>Category 3</b></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 park has aesthetic value as green space within the suburban setting adjacent with many mature trees and an expanse of lawn.</p> <p>The park has historic value for its association with the provision of recreational facilities for the Mount Hawthorn community.</p> <p>The park has historic value for its association with Councillor Peter Menzies who was a long serving member of the City of Perth Council.</p> <p>The park has social value for the members of the Mount Hawthorn community as a place for passive and organised sport as well as a venue of social events.</p>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Park/Reserve
Current use	Park/Reserve
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1929
Walls	N/A
Roof	N/A
Architectural Style	N/A
Physical description	Menzies Park is a comparatively open flat grassed parkland area, with facilities for sporting and recreational activities.  It remains a valued asset for the Mount Hawthorn community.
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

### HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The area now known as Menzies Park was part of the Ambleside Estate established in 1899. The whole estate was divided into residential lots with no allowance for parks or green spaces. None of the subdivisions of the Mount Hawthorn area south of Scarborough Beach Road had made allowances for parks. The City of Perth acquired the land and created Menzies Park in 1929. The land was designated Swan Location 3239. The park was gazetted Reserve 20065 for recreation on 22 March 1929 and was first listed as a 'public reserve' in Wise's Post Office Directories in 1930.

### HISTORICAL INFORMATION

It was initially known as the Mount Hawthorn Park but name Menzies Park in 1950 in honour of Councillor Peter Menzies who was a long serving member of the City of Perth.

Clubroom and change-room facilities were constructed at Menzies Park in the latter half of the twentieth century. The park has a children's playground which was upgraded in 2005-06 but was torched by vandals on 31 January 2007. The town offered a reward for any information which would lead to a conviction. The pavilion has a capacity of 60 persons and kitchen facilities. It is here that the Mount Hawthorn Precinct Group (incorporated on 18 November 2002) holds its monthly meetings. The park is also an approved dog exercise area which allows owners to let their dogs off their leads subject to sports being played there.

On 3 March 1995, the Reserve was cancelled for a Crown Grant in Trust to the newly formed Town of Vincent. The Town of Vincent was created following the division of the City of Perth into the Towns of Victoria Park, Cambridge and Vincent as well as the remainder of the City of Perth in 1994-1995.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show the construction of both the clubroom building and the playground in the early 2000s. There have been few visible changes to the subject place since.

### HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Social Services: General Social Services	
	Cultural Life: Recreation - Sport	
Associations	Peopling WA: Demographic Development	
	Peter Menzies	Councillor of the City of Perth
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. Daily News, 27 February 1950, p. 9.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

