

CITY OF VINCENT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING LEEDERVILLE



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	City of Vincent Administration Building
Other names	Town of Vincent Administration Building
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	18063
State Heritage Register:	No
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	244 Vincent St
Locality	Leederville
Survey	LOT: 502 D/P: 65192
Vol/folio	LR3517/916
Reserve	RES: 50345

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 Administration Building is a fine example of Late 20th Century International style</p> <p>The City of Vincent Administration Building marks the establishment of the City of Vincent as a new local authority, following the breakup of the greater City of Perth.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association by well known Perth architect Peter Hunt, and was the recipient of a Civic Design Commendation from the WA Chapter of the RAlA.</p> <p>The Administration Centre has social value for its provision of services to the City of Vincent community since 1995.</p>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Governmental: Office
Current use	Governmental: Office
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1995
Walls	Masonry clad with stone
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Late 20th Century International
Physical description	Two storey office structure set above a basement undercroft. Its entry façade is predominantly steel and glass, contrasting with the stone cladding to the rest of the facades. It is set in an elevated position on a paved platform, reached by a flight of steps from the car park, to give it greater prominence. It is located adjacent to the extensive community facilities of the Loftus Centre. It has a landmark presence in its parkland setting at the corner of Loftus and Vincent Streets, which retains some remnant bush trees.
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The site where the Town of Vincent Administration Building is currently located belonged to a Government reserve (Reserve 884) which was under the control of the Perth Board of Health in the 1890s. Reserve 884 covered the north side of Vincent Street and stretched from Charles to Oxford Streets. The area east of Loftus Street was used as a rubbish tip for some years in the 1890s, while the area along Oxford Street was parcelled off as sites for public buildings such as post office, municipal offices, primary school and police station. The Wise's Post Office Directories indicate that the subject site was a 'Recreation Reserve' at least until 1949 when the publication of the Directory ceased.

In the mid 1990s, Perth City Council was divided into four smaller local government areas, creating Perth City and the towns of Victoria Park, Vincent and Cambridge. This was a reversal of the amalgamation that had taken place in 1914 and 1917, when the Greater Perth area had been created, and was brought about by the growth of the affected suburbs into a size considered unmanageable by one council body.

In November 1994, the site at the corner of Vincent and Loftus Streets was approved to be the location of the new Administrative Centre as it had a number of advantages: the land was Reserve land and was unencumbered, thus construction could commence without negotiating leases; the new Administrative Centre would complement other existing facilities which were already on the site including Council Library, Council Child Health Centre and Leederville Community Centre.

The building was designed by architect Peter Hunt, and built by Consolidated Construction Pty Ltd, at a cost of \$5.65 million. Construction began on 4 April 1995 and the building was completed on 22 March 1996. Prior to its completion, the Town's offices were temporarily located in a grandstand at Leederville Oval from February 1995 to March 1996.

Since the completion of the offices there have been no significant additions or alterations although minor modifications to suit changing requirements and standards have been undertaken.

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In the early 1960's, the company acquired extra business partners and the adjoining property, No. 11 Lindsay Street, was purchased as a store until an extension at the rear of the original building, fronting Lindsay Street, was carried out in 1962. Further additions were made to the existing premises designed by architects Cameron, Chisholm and Nicoll. Jessie Thomson's son-in-law, George Stannard Natt, was the general manager of Mackays for many years and following on from 1952 to 1966 her grandson James (Jim) Stuart natt, held the position.

Mackay & Co acquired the right to bottle Pepsi Cola and was immediately targeted for acquisition by the Coca Cola Company. In 1966, Coca Cola bought out the Mackay & Co business, but not the property. The business ceased to operate at the Money Street premises, but for another three years the Mackay name continued to be used at the Coca Cola plant at No. 661 Newcastle Street. The acquisition of Mackays effectively kept Coca Cola's major competitor, Pepsi Cola out of the Western Australian market for a few more years. The family continued to hold the Mackay property and it was leased by Skippers Transport. After Jesse Thompson (she had returned to her maiden name) died in 1969, the factory passed to the three remaining partners.

In 1980, the parent company of Skippers purchased the properties and in 1985, it was transferred to the Metropolitan Region Planning Authority for the northern city bypass. Skippers a variety of tenants continued to occupy the property until the end of 1986.

Ownership was with the East Perth Redevelopment Authority from June 2000 when the land was amalgamated into one lot (1250). It was then subdivided again in 2005 when the original factory section was transferred to private owners.

Private owners oversaw the conversion of the remaining buildings, and construction of new buildings for residential and commercial use comprising 35 residential apartments an office and café. In 2012, the building won a Western Australian Heritage Award for best adaptive reuse.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Governing: Government and Politics	
Associations	Peter Hunt Architects	Architects
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

