

NUYTSIA, MOUNT LAWLEY



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Nuytsia
Other names	Residence, 109 Chelmsford Rd
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17987
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	109 Chelmsford Rd
Locality	Mount Lawley
Survey	LOT: 1 STR: 39521
Vol/folio	2501/544
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 the Federation Queen Anne style which is a landmark in the streetscape.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the city fringes during the early years of the twentieth century.</p> <p>The 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	1908
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	<p>'Nuytsia' is a grand single storey residence in the Federation Queen Anne style on the corner of Chelmsford Road and Norfolk Street. The house has a large gambrel roof with a gabled wing addressing each street frontage and a truncated gablet addressing the street corner.</p> <p>A return timber verandah runs the length of both principal facades, with a truncated entry corner and simple balustrade to its full length. The face brickwork is banded at a height of approximately 1.2m above floor level. Openings have single and double sash windows and french doors.</p> <p>Corner site with front garden. Extensive side and rear gardens have been subdivided and developed for housing. Has had extensive restoration works.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The strip of land between Chelmsford Road and Vincent Street was acquired by the Catholic Church in the 1880s. The Church built a number of houses along the Vincent Street frontage in the late 1890s, opposite the Highgate Hill subdivision, and part of the land went to the Redemptorist Fathers for their Monastery. The bulk of the landholding was subdivided and sold for residential use.

William Orestes Silverlock, builder and contractor, was the first occupier of a residence on Lots 81-83 on Chelmsford Road and likely to have built the residence himself to a standard design. It was referred to on the Certificate of Title as 'Nuytsia'. Nuytsia is the name of the floribunda commonly known as the Western Australian Christmas Tree. It is parasitic tree found naturally only in WA and is known for its bright orange flowers around Christmas time. Silverlock occupied the residence with his wife Ethel from 1908 to 1911.

In 1911, the place was purchased by William John Clarke, a storekeeper of Day Dawn, and the vacant block was sold to John Thomas and Hillary Fox. In 1915 both lots were listed as owned and occupied by Clark, who owned them until his death in 1921. The house was then owned by Socrates Palmer, who worked as a warehouseman at Goode Durrant & Murray Ltd boot factory in Church Street. The MWSSDD sewerage plans of c.1930, show No. 109 as still the only residence on the three lots. It is shown situated on Lot 83 and part of Lot 82.

According to the Wise's Post Office Directory in 1949 there was still only one house on the three blocks but it was then occupied by Ken Tiller. In 1998, the house underwent considerable refurbishment. The house has since been further subdivided into five blocks, with the rear blocks facing onto a right-of-way, known as Jack Mark's Lane. This was named after the Town of Vincent's first Mayor, who was in office from 1955 until 1988. Jack died in office and his role was taken on by Vincent's Deputy Mayor, John Hyde.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show the singular building on the site and the aforementioned refurbishments as well as the subdivision. Beginning in 2005 the first three buildings were completed by 2008. Another building was added making the fifth block on the subject site in 2011, completed by 2012.

There have been no visible changes to any of the buildings on the subject site since then, with three buildings facing Jack Mark's Lane, and two facing Chelmsford Rd.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION		
Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development. Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	William Silverlock and family	Builder, owner and occupant
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

