

MOUNT HAWTHORN HOTEL (FMR), MOUNT HAWTHORN



PLACE INFORMATION

Place name	Mount Hawthorn Hotel (fmr)
Other names	Paddos Paddington Ale House The Mouny The Paddo
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING

inHerit ID:	2211
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Statewide Hotel Survey Completed 01 Nov 1997 Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION

Street address	141 Scarborough Beach Rd
Locality	Mount Hawthorn
Survey	LOT: 6 D/P: 98568
Vol/folio	2169/953
Reserve	--

SIGNIFICANCE

Level of significance	Considerable Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/authenticity.
Management category	Category 2 Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.
Statement of significance	<p>Fine example of a hotel in the Interwar Free Classical style, retaining significant interior detailing throughout, and very intact first floor layout.</p> <p>Landmark corner building, especially at time of construction and in early years when the suburb around it was mostly low-scale buildings.</p> <p>Associations with WA hoteliers Joseph Monaghan, Alfred & Elsie Gillham, and John (Jack) Smith, who operated hotels in many places in the State, and former WAFL footballers Jack Smith and Neil Randall.</p> <p>Evidence of the commercial development of Mt Hawthorn in the 1930s at a time when much development in the State was put on hold by the Depression.</p> <p>The place has social value for its continual use as a hotel and accommodation facility from 1932 to the present.</p>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Commercial: Hotel, Tavern or Inn
Current use	Commercial: Hotel, Tavern or Inn
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1931; 1956;
Walls	Rendered brick
Roof	Terracotta tile
Architectural Style	Inter War Free Classical
Physical description	<p>Two storey hotel with decorated parapet walls, framing cantilevered eaves to bedrooms and verandahs.</p> <p>The corner parapet features a heavy arched corbel, edged with dentils. The ground floor windows and doorways are arched, with keystones, and the arches have stucco surrounds. The bay either side of the corner doorway retains its dado tiling.</p> <p>The 1987 refurbishment kept its side and corner façade intact, however, the main façade to Scarborough Beach Road was opened up, in keeping with contemporary needs for transparency and openness to all fresco areas.</p> <p>The ground floor tavern has French doors set under shallow arches. The upstairs function rooms open to balconies with light metal balustrading. The Scarborough Beach Road entrance includes spectacular coloured leadlight in the arches.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

By the 1930s, the area of Mount Hawthorn around North Beach Road had developed to the extent that a hotel was considered a reasonable addition to the district. The site was on a main thoroughfare, Scarborough Beach Road formerly North Beach Road and the tram route between Perth, Leederville and Osborne Park.

Joseph Monaghan bought the block from Henry Prisk Gartrell, a draper and Councillor for North Perth for £900. Monaghan was born in Ireland circa 1860 and arrived in WA in 1893 in response to the gold discoveries. In 1896 he was in Perth and bought the lease on the Queen's Hotel in Beaufort Street. After four years there, followed by a stint in Kalgoorlie and Coolgardie, he moved to Fremantle and then to Perth, on each occasion with an involvement with a hotel. In 1930 when he bought the subject site for a hotel he was living in retirement in Grosvenor Road, North Perth.

Michael Cavanaugh of the architectural firm Cavanaugh & Cavanaugh designed the hotel for Monaghan in 1931. Tenders were then called and that of R. V. Ritchie was accepted, but the work did not go ahead. Tenders were recalled in April 1932, and the contract was awarded to H. A. Doust with a quote of £9,915. Personal reasons caused Joseph Monaghan to sell soon after construction and had begun in 1932 and Alfred (Pop) Gillam bought it from him for £950.

Gillam had previously leased the Commonwealth Hotel (Hyde Park Hotel) but sold up there and bought the Mount Hawthorn site and partially built the hotel in 1932. When it was finished it was known as the Mount Hawthorn Hotel and managed by Alfred Gillham and his wife Elsie (nee Hartley), who also had long experience in WA hotels, having held the license for at least 7 hotels in the State prior to this place.

At this time the commercial centre of Mt Hawthorn was developing and the hotel was the only 2-storey building and quickly became a local landmark, especially on account of its white-painted walls without verandahs, which were floodlit at night. The hotel had many permanent boarders, including Mrs Sewell, who ran the drapery next door

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Alfred and Elsie Gillam lived at the hotel and were well-known and loved publicans.

From the late 1930s they operated the place with assistance from Elsie's sister Ethel Green (and husband Les), brother William Hartley, and children Betty Berghan (and husband Mike) and Hartley Gillham, and these four parties took over ownership in 1956 after Alfred's death.

In 1955, the first major changes were made at the place, with the ground floor areas being rearranged and the main entrance being shifted to Scarborough Beach Road.

In 1960, the original 3 small ground floor parlours were converted into one large games room, and in 1962 an elevated beer garden, partly enclosed, was built to the rear. New toilets added in 1961 meant that for the first time since construction there was more than one women's toilet in the building, an indication of changing pub culture in the post-WWII period.

The Gillham and Hartley families sold the hotel in 1968 to Thomas and Dorothy (Rinaldi) Nevill, and the license was taken on by Herbert Coughlan, who had previously operated hotels in Fremantle and Harvey. The business expanded considerably under the new management.

In 1970, the remainder of the elevated beer garden was enclosed with low brick walls and aluminium-frame windows designed to take advantage of the view of Perth. The place continued to take boarders in the 1970s, including many army personnel and their families who had left Darwin after Cyclone Tracy in 1974.

From 1975 to 1977 the license was held by John Harding, whose brief time at the place created many colourful stories, including taking on bikie gangs outside with a spear gun and thwarting the 1976 Brewers Strike by driving trucks to the East Coast to bring beer back to stock the hotel. The place operated to high acclaim as the Lamplighter Restaurant during this period, but the facilities could not sustain this function as it grew in popularity, and had to return to ordinary 'pub meals'. The façade displayed the name 'the Mounty'.

From 1977 to 1986 the place was run by John (Jack) and Joy (Joan?) Smith. Jack had been a well-known WAFL player for East Perth from 1947 to 1956. During this time, despite the ongoing popularity of the hotel, the place was in decline.

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In 1984, the place was purchased by the Swanson family, and in 1986 the license was purchased by Dennis Moulton. In common with many businesses in Perth, the hotel was renovated in preparation for the 1987 Americas Cup. Changes were designed by architect Geoff Warn, including opening up most of the ground floor area to create a large space, enlarging the kitchen, removing the bottle shop (replaced with a new bottle shop to Fairfield Street), removing 1970s suspended ceilings, removing lino, tiles and carpet to reveal the original timber floors, and replacing the tiled bar with a polished jarrah fit-out.

The place was renamed 'Paddington Ale House'. The character of the hotel changed from its original 'working class' local pub, to a more upmarket establishment offering boutique beers and appealing to the 25-35 age group, especially on weekends. This reflected changes in the character of Mt Hawthorn from this period into the 1990s.

In 1989, the lease was taken over by Michael Monteleone and Neil Randall, with Randall taking it on solo from 1994. Randall had also been a prominent WAFL player, with 152 games for Subiaco and 58 for South Fremantle from the 1970s to the 1980s.

Further changes were made to the building in 1998, to designs by Oldfield Knott, with much of the finance for these works raised somewhat controversially by 6 years of skimpies in the public (rear) bar. A new lounge area was created at the rear by the demolition of this bar, and the 1986 partitions between the bar and the Ale House were removed to create a single space. Alfresco dining areas and a garden court yard were created, and the dining room was re-established at the front of the building. The new large space has attracted larger entertainment acts including bands such as Yothu Yindi and Things of Stone and Wood.

In 2002, the adjacent shop was converted to a bottle shop and visually linked to the hotel. The first floor has been relatively unchanged since its construction in 1932. It continues to provide accommodation for full-time boarders and has undergone minor alterations and additions for maintenance and to accommodate changing client expectations.

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ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



ARCHIVAL IMAGES



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