

CLARKE'S BUILDING, MOUNT LAWLEY



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Clarke's Building
Other names	The Elford Candy Store Moondyne Joe's Flying Scotsman Cat and Fiddle Tavern The Garden
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	18084
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	639-643 Beaufort St
Locality	Mount Lawley
Survey	LOT: 1 D/P: 1237
Vol/folio	2111/336
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>The place has aesthetic value for its demonstration of the form and detail of the Inter War Art Deco style executed in rendered brick.</p> <p>The place is a landmark in the streetscape as it occupies a prominent corner since 1934.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the development of Mount Lawley in the Inter War period and demonstrates the confidence of the owners in the future of this district.</p> <p>The place has historic value as it has been consistently providing a similar service to the Mount Lawley community since the early 20th century. The evolution of the various businesses which supply alcohol from a store to licensed premises demonstrate changing practices and attitudes.</p> <p>The place has social value for the provision of facilities since the late 19th century and has been attended by many members of the community.</p> <p>Its longevity in the streetscape contributes to the community sense of place.</p>

PLACE USE

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

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Construction date	1934
Walls	Painted brick
Roof	Corrugated sheet metal
Architectural Style	Inter-War Art Deco
Physical description	<p>The double storey brick rendered building anchors the corner. The top floor has retained the original fabric and demonstrates fine art deco style detailing. The ground floor frontage has been altered considerably, although the main structural components remain in place.</p> <p>The corner is truncated with two vertical banded pilaster with curved tops, either side of a typical window with the name of the building and year of construction embossed in render above, below the fluted parapet. The remainder of the upper level is divide into equal bays by rendered pilasters with a central vertical groove and rounded top. The infills have two tiered wall of vertical fluted panels from above the windows.</p> <p>The windows are typically sets of two casements central within each bay. Each window has 6 panes and a four paned fanlight above.</p> <p>A canvas awning is in place around the perimeter of the street frontages above the ground floor pavement.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	Moderate

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

According to Wise's Post Office Directories there was a wine saloon in this part of Beaufort Street from as early as 1909 run by George H. Elford.

With this saloon (formerly No. 483) and the Queen's Hotel (established 1898) at Nos. 512 - 533 Beaufort Street, there were many options for the local residents. For a period from at least 1915 to 1920 the saloon was run by William W. Sloan and in 1929 there was a Mr H.P Best a grocer and wine & spirit merchant at No. 524. It is likely that one of these businesses held the liquor licence which was applied to the new building.

Building Permits issued by the Perth Road Board and held by the State Records Office indicate that building permits were issued in 1930, 1933 and 1936. No detail of these works were found in the newspapers of the day.

Lettering on the angled corner of the building states that it was constructed in 1934. The architect and builder of the new wine saloon have not been determined. It is possible the new building incorporated elements of the existing structure as the footprint of the building is consistent with the 1917 sewerage plan of the site. The decision to use elements of the existing structure may have been a response to the difficulties imposed by the economic Depression of the early 1930s which affected all aspects of the economy.

In 1934, the wine saloon was managed by Israel (Issy) Weiss and owned by William John Clarke. In 1935, Issy Weiss advertised in the local press for a young girl to live in and help in the running of the business, accommodation was described as a sleep out which suggests there may have been elements of the earlier shops retained. Further research may resolve if the earlier building was demolished completely in 1934.

In 1938, William Beattie was running a wine saloon from the premises and was still there in 1949.

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The place has had a number of occupants over the years including Moondyne Joe's Challenge Wine Cellars, which became Moondyne Joe's on 12 May 1972. On 27 October 1972 it emerged as the Cat & Fiddle Tavern and Bistro and Candy Store Bar and Garden Restaurant, on 24 January 1990 to Lawley's and on 23 April 1999 it became the Flying Scotsman.

Throughout 2020, the place underwent major refurbishment to update the facilities and was reopened in 2021 as 'The Elford' in homage to George Elford the first recorded licensee of a wine saloon at this location.

Historic theme	Economy: Commerce Cultural Life: Recreation - Arts, Culture and Entertainment Peopling WA: Demographic Development	
Associations	William Clarke Israel Weiss George Elford	Owner Licensee First Licensee
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. Australian Electoral Rolls, 1903-1983. Wise's Post Office Directories	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

