

# TRINITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (FMR), MOUNT LAWLEY



PLACE INFORMATION	
<b>Place name</b>	Trinity Congregational Church (fmr)
<b>Other names</b>	Wasley Centre North Perth Congregational Church St Margaret's Uniting Church
<b>Place type</b>	Individual building or group
HERITAGE LISTING	
<b>inHerit ID:</b>	2214
<b>State Heritage Register:</b>	
<b>Other Listing:</b>	Register of the National Estate Nominated 17 May 1991 Register of the National Estate Indicative Place Classified by the National Trust Classified 01 Apr 1991 Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995
SITE LOCATION	
<b>Street address</b>	65-67 Raglan Rd
<b>Locality</b>	Mount Lawley
<b>Survey</b>	LOT: 1 - 13 STR: 47021
<b>Vol/folio</b>	
<b>Reserve</b>	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
<b>Level of significance</b>	<b>Considerable</b> Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/ authenticity.
<b>Management category</b>	<b>Category 2</b> Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.
<b>Statement of significance</b>	<p>Although adapted for a new use the three buildings on this site still demonstrate their original form and detail of the Federation Gothic style.</p> <p>The buildings are a landmark in the streetscape as a cohesive group on a prominent corner.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the development and growth of Mount Lawley in the early 20th century as a residential suburb.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the churches which formerly served in this community, the Congregational, Presbyterian and Uniting Church. The evolution of these organisations and the re purposing of these buildings demonstrates the changing relationship to religion in the community.</p> <p>The place had an important social value to the community and members of the Congregational, Presbyterian and Uniting Church since 1903 and, while not currently serving its intended use, the social value has continued for many who recall using these buildings for religious and social activities.</p>

PLACE USE	
<b>Original use</b>	Religious: Church Religious: Manse
<b>Current use</b>	Residential: Single storey residence
<b>Other use</b>	Religious: Offices
CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
<b>Construction date</b>	1903; 1907; 1928; 1975; 2004
<b>Walls</b>	Painted and rendered brick
<b>Roof</b>	Corrugated metal sheeting
<b>Architectural Style</b>	Federation Gothic
<b>Physical description</b>	<p>This Federation Gothic church has a main parapeted gable that was once decorated with a large gothic window on the street facing façade that has since been filled in.</p> <p>The church was designed with an eastern vestry marked by a pedimented arched doorway, set between capped columns, which repeat the theme of the upper façade behind.</p> <p>The basic gabled form of the church with its gabled side entry and hall has been retained, however the whole façade has been rendered and painted. Plantings in the front setback and high rendered walls obscures views of the place.</p>
<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Integrity</b>	Moderate
<b>Authenticity</b>	Moderate

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

On 20 November 1902, the Deacons of Trinity Church decided to establish a Home Mission in North Perth. Two blocks of land were purchased for £265 on the corner of Raglan and Clifton (William) streets.

The foundation stone of the Church was laid on 14 February 1903 by Rev. W. T. Kench and Sir Edward Stone. Contractor H. Parker built the Church for £994 and the Manse for £465 to designs prepared by Honorary Architect Hillson Beasley, who also served as the Principal Architect with the Public Works Department.

The first service was held on 5 April 1903. A Sunday School was begun in 1904, and over the following decade, a Girls' and Boys' Gymnasium (later Young People's Fellowship), Men's Association, Cricket Club, Tennis Club, Badminton Club, Girl Guide Troop, Boy Scout Troop and Junior Choir were formed, giving some indication of the important social role played by churches in the first half of the twentieth century.

The North Perth Congregational Church community purchased the buildings from Trinity Church in 1906. In 1907, the Sunday School Hall was added by contractor Martin L. Lloyd. In 1915, the Sunday School had 313 pupils and 52 teachers. Extra land was added to the site on the William Street frontage in 1917.

In 1928, the addition of a new primary classroom completed the Raglan Street frontage. This addition was designed by architect A. H. Nicholls and built by Joseph Webster.

In the late 1940s, a new pulpit and choir stall were installed. A two manual pipe organ, built by R. C. Clifton in 1908 and made available to the Church by the Clifton family, was officially opened on 22 December 1946 at a Choral Thanksgiving Service. It appears to have been at about this time that the church was named St Margaret's Presbyterian Church.

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By 1953, Sunday School membership was down to 60 children and ten teachers. Early photographs show that the exterior brickwork of the buildings has been rendered since 1953.

In 1977, the Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist parishes amalgamated to form the Uniting Church. This amalgamation resulted in many parishes having more than one church.

It was decided to redevelop St Margaret's as a social service centre, known as the Wasley Centre in honour of the Wasley family who had been involved with the Church since the foundation of the parish, including A. H. Wasley, who was a Deacon from 1905-1952. The centre was to provide training in family, marital and individual counselling, groundwork training, pastoral training and counselling.

The Wasley Centre opened late in 1975, under the directorship of Dr G. M. Clayton, clinical pastoral supervisor. During 2004/2005 the place underwent extensive redevelopment with the conservation of the Wasley Centre to accommodate residential units. Palassis Architects won the Conservation Award for the adaptive re-use of the place, in the 2005 Town of Vincent Building, Design and Conservation Awards.

Since that time the place has changed minimally in form or extent and continues to be used for residential accommodation.

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

<b>Historic theme</b>	Cultural Life: Religion Social Services: General Social Services Peopling WA: Demographic Development	
<b>Associations</b>	Hillson Beasley H. Parker Martin Lloyd A.H. Nicholls Joseph Webster	Architect Builder Builder Architect Builder
<b>Sources</b>	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. The Western Mail, 21 February 1903, p. 60. Plans Held in the State Library of WA call No. 9024.P4E423	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

