

FIRST NORTH PERTH POST OFFICE (FMR), NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	First North Perth Post Office (fmr)
Other names	State Government Bank Branch (fmr)
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17963
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	39 Angove St
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 31 D/P: 2028
Vol/folio	1088/471
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 former post office at No. 39 Angove Street is a good simple example of the Federation Bungalow style executed in brick for a commercial purpose.</p> <p>The former Post Office has historic value as a demonstration of the growth of the community of North Perth in the early 20th as the first purpose built post office in the district.</p> <p>The place has social value as it has been the location of a range of services used by the North Perth community since 1903. Its continuity in the small shopping precinct contributes to the community sense of place.</p>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Transport/ Communications: Post Office
Current use	Commercial: Cafe
Other use	Commercial: Bank

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1903
Walls	Painted brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Bungalow
Physical description	<p>The structure is located on a corner site at the intersection of Angove and Woodville Streets. The corner point of the structure has been truncated and forms the entrance to the place. The main roof from is hipped with a one room skillion addition attached to the Woodville side of the structure. The roof sheeting and verandah has recently been replaced and today a bull nose verandah runs almost the whole length of the facade.</p> <p>The bull nose verandah stops short along the Woodville Street elevation where the skillion addition begins. The facade facing Angove Street features one timber framed casement window and two timber framed sash windows, all with decorative mullion detail. The Woodville Street elevation has one timber framed sash window. Access is gained through a single glass panel door, which is adorned with a square fanlight, within the truncated corner point of the structure.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	Moderate

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Angove Street was constructed at an angle across the top of Percy Estate in order to link Fitzgerald Street with Scarborough Beach Road. The subdivision, one of the earliest was carried out by Solomon Herman's Gold Estates of Australia, and the street was named after William Angove, a surveyor who worked on the project.

The former North Perth Post Office at No. 39 Angove Street (corner of Woodville Street), was constructed in 1903 at time when other civic buildings were being built in North Perth including the North Perth Town Hall (1902) and the North Perth Police Station (1908), both located in View Street.

The post office at No. 39 Angove Street, possibly designed by Hillson Beasley (PWD chief architect), was constructed at a cost of £1,720 but only operated as a post and telegraph office until 1914.

In 1916, a new post office opened in View Street, North Perth, in closer proximity to the other civic buildings mentioned above. Miss Watson was the Post Mistress in 1906 (she also ran a store there) and the last Post Master at the Angove Street building prior to its move to View Street, was Derrick Phillip.

No. 39 Angove Street was converted to a Government State Bank in 1915 and Mr. Phillip continued to operate his store there. Both he and the State Bank continued to operate from the building until 1930.

The Post Office Directories reveal that the building was vacant between 1931 and 1933, following that various different businesses operated there throughout the 1930's and 1940's including a boot maker, Mr. Horace Collins, Mr Eyre who ran a mixed business and Mr Arthur Temple who operated a hairdresser until at least 1949.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century indicate that the form and extent of the place have not changed significantly since then although it is apparent that the roof cladding has changed. It is likely that the current awning around the main elevations has been built since the early 1990s, but may be a reflection of an earlier design element. A photograph of the building in the 1960s shows the building without any awning.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Infrastructure: Transport and Communications Economy: Commerce
Associations	
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006. Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

