

NORTH PERTH POLICE STATION (FMR), NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	North Perth Police Station (fmr)
Other names	North Perth Police Station and Quarters North Perth School of Early Learning
Place type	Individual building or group
HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	2212
State Heritage Register:	8 Jan 1999
Other Listing:	Classified by the National Trust Recorded 04 Mar 1975 Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995
SITE LOCATION	
Street address	81 Angove St
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 500 D/P: 66832
Vol/folio	2734/345
Reserve	----

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	Exceptional Rare or outstanding example: essential to the heritage of the City of Vincent.
Management category	Category 1 The place should be retained and conserved. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and be in accordance with a Conservation Plan if one is in place.
Statement of significance	North Perth Police Station is a fine example of government architecture in the Federation Free style in the early 1900s. Its design is easily associated with the work of architect Hillson Beasley.
	North Perth Police Station is an integral element in the Angove Street vista, and forms an harmonious scale and form within its residential context.
	North Perth Police Station is a feature of the development of the North Perth suburb, its construction represents the need for a permanent police station in this area.
	North Perth Police Station represents the development of the Western Australia Police Forces, dating from its construction in 1908 as a part of the gold rush era and public works boom, to the 1960s and its changes in use.
	North Perth Police Station is the first police station built in North Perth, and represents the continued presence of law and order in that suburb.
	The place demonstrates close associations with the administering police authority in North Perth since the 1900s. The place also demonstrates associations with the Chief Government Architect, Hillson Beasley.

SIGNIFICANCE	
Statement of significance	North Perth Police Station is valued by the local community for being a landmark feature of the North Perth townscape. It is also highly valued for its continued and reliable presence in the community as a police station from 1908 to 1978.
PLACE USE	
Original use	Governmental: Police Station
Current use	Educational: Pre primary centre
Other use	Health: Offices
CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1908; 1960s; 1978;
Walls	Face Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Free Style
Physical description	The single storey police station and attached residence has a gable roof with a crippled hipped verandah and a single roof gablet. The distinctive porch of the police station is of red brick with cement rendered bands, a design popularly named 'blood and bandages'. The place is an integral element of the residential streetscape. It is setback to align with adjacent dwellings. A low timber framed and cyclone mesh fence delineates the front boundary.
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	Moderate

HISTORICAL INFORMATION
<p>The place was built in 1908, as a police station with living quarters attached for the officer in charge. It was believed at the time that a formal police presence was necessary for the rapidly developing suburb of North Perth.</p> <p>The Police Force in WA grew from 207 men in 1890 to 492 in 1906, in keeping with the growth of the population during the gold boom years. North Perth was one of 11 police stations built between 1890 and 1910. Its design and construction of the place was overseen by Hillson Beasley, Chief Architect of the Public Works Department (PWD) at that time.</p> <p>Tenders for construction were called on 14 August 1907 and contractors and timber merchants, J. T. Franklin & J. Finlay won the work with a price of £816. Franklin & Finlay were also responsible for the Brisbane Street Post Office. Foot Constable James Strappe, who had been the Constable in the area since 1903, became the Officer in Charge at the new station, which boasted a staff of one.</p> <p>From 1910 to 1934, Constable William Crawford was in residence. In 1935 the resident officer in charge was Francis T Ward and in 1947 it was Sergeant George McK.Flanders.</p> <p>During the 1960s, an additional room and a two-car garage were added. In 1975, when a police van demolished the toilet building in the back yard, new toilets were built adjoining the back of the building. Then in 1978, the quarters, which had been occupied continuously by the Officer in Charge of the station, were taken over by the Lecturing Branch of the Police Department.</p> <p>In 1979, the Quarters were again occupied by the Officer in Charge and later utilised as a training area. On 24 October 2009, the property was sold at Auction to the City of Vincent and was used for some time as a offices for some of the health and youth programs run by the City.</p> <p>In 2015, the property was transferred to private owners and in 2017 the rear of the site was cleared to begin the construction of a multi level child care centre. The centre was completed in 2018 and the structure of the former Police Station was largely retained although some internal changes were made to accommodate the change of use.</p>

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Governing: Law, Order and Defence Social Services: Education	
Associations	Hillson Beasley	Architect
Sources	P2212 North Perth Police Station Assessment Documentation. Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006. Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



ARCHIVAL IMAGES



NORTH PERTH POLICE STATION, 2004. COURTESY CITY OF VINCENT LOCAL HISTORY IMAGE PH01677.