

# HOUSE, 15 WASLEY ST, MOUNT LAWLEY



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 15 Wasley St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	25863
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	15 Wasley St
Locality	Mount Lawley
Survey	LOT: 1 STR: 74874
Vol/folio	1713/373
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<p><b>Moderate</b></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><b>Category 3</b></p> <p>Conservation of the place is desirable.</p> <p>Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and retain original fabric where feasible.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>The place is a good intact example of the Federation Queen Anne style executed in brick and demonstrates details of the style although some are later insertions.</p> <p>The place is a landmark in the streetscape as a demonstration of the form and detail of the scale of housing for professionals and skilled workers in the early 20th century.</p> <p>The place reflects the development of Mount Lawley in the early 20th century and the impact of public transport on the expansion of the suburb.</p> <p>The place has historic value as a demonstration of a family home built for professionals and skilled workers and their families in the 1910s.</p> <p>The place is valued by the community for the continuity of its presence in the streetscape which contributes to the community sense of place.</p>

PLACE USE	
<b>Original use</b>	Residential: single storey residence
<b>Current use</b>	Residential: single storey residence
<b>Other use</b>	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
<b>Construction date</b>	c1916
<b>Walls</b>	Brick
<b>Roof</b>	Corrugated metal sheeting
<b>Architectural Style</b>	Federation Queen Anne
<b>Physical description</b>	<p>This place is located on the north side of Wasley Street between Norfolk and William Streets. It is a single-storey brick dwelling constructed in the Federation Bungalow style of architecture.</p> <p>The subject dwelling is asymmetrical, typical of the plan form of a simple Federation Bungalow style. The dwelling is elevated on a limestone foundation and the exterior front facade features painted tuck-pointed brickworks. The external brick walls features two bands of render, one running the length of the facade at head height and another running at sill height. The eastern front protruding room is located under a gabled roof with two single-hung sash stained glass windows under decorative moulded window architrave. The original front entrance to the west has a decorative glazed and panelled front door under a bull nose verandah. A row of elaborated timber friezes runs along the underside of the verandah beam and the timber posts are finished with decorative fretwork brackets.</p> <p>A number of alterations have occurred to the dwelling in recent times including the ornamental moulded architrave above the eastern front window, decorative friezes, timber posts and fretwork brackets have been put in at the front verandah. The front brickworks has been re-tuckpointed. The floor of the front verandah is retiled.</p>

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
<b>Physical description</b>	Whilst a number of elements at the front facade have been restored or altered recently, the original shell of the building is completely intact. The front windows, some of the front stained glasses on the door panels, internal ceiling roses and fireplaces are all original and have been restored. The corrugated iron pitched roof has been replaced with like-for-like material.
<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Integrity</b>	Moderate
<b>Authenticity</b>	High

### HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Western Australian gold boom led to the suburbanisation of the areas north of Perth and saw an increase in population. Subdivision of crown land and farmland began to occur in response to the demand for housing in Mount Lawley. The first of these was Highgate Hill, which took place in the area bounded by Walcott, Burt, Harold and Curtis Streets. Building began in 1889 on the eastern side of Beaufort Street, which had recently been extended as far as Walcott Street.

Other subdivisions around this time were the East Norwood Estate, the North Perth Estate, the Hyde Park Heights Estate (Tramways Estate) and the Forrest Hill Estate. According to the land agents, Peet & Co., the attractions of the area were 'the charming views of the Swan River, Mt Eliza and Progressive Perth' and it attracted 'lower middle class workers teachers, dressmakers, grocers, police officers and carriers, etc.'. Wasley Street was originally named Shenton Street which was located within the Forrest Hill Estate in 1898.

In 1915, Mr Montgomery submitted a Building Licence to the City of Perth proposed to construct a house at the subject place. No details of Mr Montgomery have been determined although it is likely he was the builder of the house.

In 1916, the City of Perth Rates Books show that George Buckingham (c1859-1943) was the owner and occupant of the residence. He designated his occupation as Land Owner and it is likely he was a member of the extended Buckingham family who were farmers in the north and south of Perth. He married Catherine Oswald Dixon (c1882-1970) in 1913. The couple and their three children lived at the house until the deaths. George in 1943, and Catherine in 1970.

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Aerial photographs indicate that there were many small out buildings and sheds in the rear of the lot from the mid 20th century until the development of the lot in 2016. It was at this time that a strata lot was created for the lot and new additions were undertaken to the rear and western side of the original house. The additions retained the form and extent of the original house and the roof form did not change. Since that time, two new dwellings have been constructed to the rear of the original house. These new dwellings are accessed by a driveway located on the western side of the lot.

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

<b>Historic theme</b>	Peopling WA: Demographic development Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
<b>Associations</b>	Mr Montgomery George Buckingham and family	Builder Original occupants and owners
<b>Sources</b>	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

