

CHARLES VERYARD RESERVE, NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Charles Veryard Reserve
Other names	Danjanberup also listed as 53-55 Albert St
Place type	Park / Reserve

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17957
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	6 Bourke St 55 Albert St
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 162 D/P: 7489
Vol/folio	1943/499
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	The grassed reserve bordered by mature trees is an area of pleasing aesthetic contrast to the surrounding residential development. Charles Veryard Reserve is associated with the original wetlands of the Perth metropolitan area which were used for market gardening and dairying prior to drainage. The place has social value for the members of the community who have attended the reserve for organised sport and passive recreation.

PLACE USE	
Original use	Park / Reserve
Current use	Park / Reserve
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1970s
Walls	N/A
Roof	N/A
Architectural Style	N/A
Physical description	<p>The Charles Veryard Reserve is a large well drained and grassed open space, with mature trees on the perimeter of the grassed area. The reserve is bound by Albert, Bourke and Barnet Streets and the eastern boundary are residential properties, parking and the Macedonian Orthodox Church.</p> <p>On the southern boundary of the reserve are club rooms with a distinctive fan shaped plan form, a storage shed and cricket practice nets.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

John Gooley's land was resumed by the Perth City Council in 1959, and the area was subject to a planning scheme in the 1960s. The Council wanted to provide a swimming pool, cultural centre, kindergarten and infant welfare centre on the land, but that plan proved too costly. Instead, the Lake was filled and subdivided, again by dumping rubbish there and subdivided, creating 76 residential and 10 commercial lots as well as a recreation reserve.

The reserve was named after Charles Veryard (1900-1967), a Perth City Councillor from 1927 to 1964, and Mayor of Perth from 1964 until his death in 1967. Charles Veryard Oval became the home of the North Perth Cricket Club and Old Modernians Hockey Club with facilities, such as the change rooms and social rooms, and cricket practice nets established for their use in the early 1970s. The trees on the boundary of the playing fields were part of this program of works.

The reserve continues to be used for organised sport and passive recreation.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Social and civic activities: Sport, recreation and entertainment. Occupations: Rural industry and market gardening.	
Associations	Charles Veryard	Origin of name
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

