

HOUSE, 4 CAMELIA ST, NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 4 Camelia St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17981
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 22 Dec 1997

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	4 Camelia St
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 200 D/P: 49285
Vol/folio	1422/590
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>This place has aesthetic value as a good intact example of the Federation Queen Anne style executed in brick.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the city fringes during the early years of the twentieth century.</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	
Original use	Residential: Single storey residence
Current use	Residential: Single storey residence
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	c1910
Walls	Brick
Roof	Terracotta tile
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	<p>The single storey brick building has a predominately hipped roof and crippled verandahs, with gable features infilled with roughcast and decorative stucco. Tall banded chimneys feature on the roof.</p> <p>The verandah has a decorative turned valance. Brick rendered fence and plantings obscure views of the place.</p>

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Camelia Street was created when the Redemptorist Monastery was built (1901-1903) and the surrounding land was subdivided for residential development. The subdivision was called the Monastery Grounds Estate. The selling agent, W. Wilford Mitchell of William Street, Perth, advertised it as being '*only one mile from the Central Railway Station' and situated 'on the heights of North Perth. Surrounded by superior villas, overlooking city & river. Only one minute from the tram. Absolutely the last chance of obtaining an ideal site for a home at first cost in this progressive suburb'*. The terms were one quarter cash with the balance within twelve months. Five % interest was added. This part of the subdivision was between Camelia, Park, Leake and Vincent Street with the Monastery grounds bordering the western side of Camelia Street.

This residence is one of the larger and more elaborate homes in the street. It is built on one side of a double block and addresses both the street and the garden with its three bay windows and return verandah.

No. 4 was first listed in the Post Office Directories in , and occupied by Mr and Mrs Albert Pye. They had a large family, including a son, John, who was born in the house in 1913. The house remained in the family for many years and in 1932, it was occupied by Michael Edward Pye, who was involved in the film distribution business. He was still in residence in 1940 but died during World War II and the family sold the house in the 1950s. An addition was constructed at the rear of the house in the 1980s with a new living area, wine cellar and storage area and it has since been painstakingly restored. The vacant block next door, once the Pye's formal rose garden, now has a separate house constructed on it.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show the aforementioned addition in the 1980s, as well as a renovation to the structure that appears to be a car port/garage that borders the back laneway around 2011, with roofing to match the existing terracotta tiles of the residence. The subject place has remained visually unchanged since then.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION		
Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development. Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	Melvin family	Owners and occupants
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

