

ROWARDENNAN, NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Rowardennan
Other names	Residence, 130 Chelmsford Rd Roethorpe
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17988
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 03 Apr 2007

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	130 Chelmsford Rd
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 39 D/P: 2359
Vol/folio	1415/980
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 place has aesthetic value as a fine and intact example of the Federation Queen Anne style which is a landmark in the streetscape.</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	1908
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne

Physical description	<p>This brick and iron dwelling is a grand example of the Federation Queen Anne style of architecture.</p>
	<p>The dwelling is elevated above ground level and has an impressive presentation to the street. The main gable roof form is hipped and features two brick chimneys, a gable vent at its apex and two street facing gables. One gable fronts Chelmsford Road and the other is positioned diagonally to face the southeast corner of the site. The gable ends are detailed with decorative plaster motifs.</p>
	<p>A bull nose verandah runs around the southern and eastern sides of the dwelling and is supported by decorative posts. The verandah is heavily embellished by an ornate cast iron frieze and by complementary cast iron brackets. The front door is surrounded by leadlight and stained-glass panels.</p> <p>The front door opens into an entry foyer, which was previously used as a doctor's surgery waiting room. A series of bells to communicate with staff were installed in the dwelling and can be seen in some rooms. Throughout the dwelling are high ceilings and jarrah floorboards. Some of the rooms located at the rear of the dwellings such as the bathroom and kitchen have been renovated. The bedroom located at the rear of the dwelling, has access to the attic.</p>

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS		
Physical description	<p>The dwelling is located along the portion of Chelmsford Road between Ethel Street and Norfolk Street in North Perth.</p> <p>Set back approximately 6.5 metres from Chelmsford Road the dwelling is delineated from the street by a brick and iron fence.</p> <p>The place is surrounded by several mature plantings including an impressive Eucalyptus. Alterations and Additions to the rear of the dwelling.</p>	
	Condition	Good
	Integrity	High
Authenticity	High	

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Chelmsford Road North Perth was part of the Hyde Park Heights Estate. The eastern end of the subdivision was also referred to as the Tramway Estate, indicating the importance of public transport in attracting residents to an area in the early part of the 20th Century. This dwelling 'Roethorpe' was built on two blocks of land for the gentleman land owner and financial agent, James Field, who was still in residence in 1920 with his wife Jane. Field was known to have employed staff in his home and he had a series of electric bells installed to communicate with them.

Later in the dwelling's history the foyer and two front rooms were used as a doctor's surgery and in 1930 T. H. Donnelly, medical practitioner, was listed as residing and practising there. At the time the foyer was used as the waiting room and there were two consulting rooms on either side of this. By 1940 it was back to a single residence and Mrs Alice Conroy was living there and in 1949 the resident was Edgar Gillies. Further renovations (to the kitchen and bathroom) have been carried out in more recent times.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate there were few changes to the building at the subject site until the early 2000s when substantial additions were made to the back of the property, beginning in 2005 and completed by 2008. There have been no visible changes since then.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION		
Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development. Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	James Field and family	Original owner and occupant
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

