

HOUSE, 164 CHELMSFORD, NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 164 Chelmsford
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17989
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	164 Chelmsford Rd
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 22 D/P: 2612
Vol/folio	1299/228
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.</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 has aesthetic value as a fine and intact example of the Federation Bungalow style which is a landmark in the streetscape.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of substantial 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	The single storey brick dwelling is elevated across the front on a limestone foundation. The brick walls feature two bands of render, at sill and window head height.
	The main roof is hipped with an Arts and Crafts style decorative front gable over the protruding front room. The front verandah has a bullnose roof, supported on faceted posts, with a straight spindled valence.
	The place is asymmetrical typical of the plan form of working class Queen Anne and Bungalow styles. Its style is derived primarily from its geometrically patterned eaves detail and bracketed front window awning.
	Set back from the street and elevated across the front, by virtue of block sloping down to road. New fence with limestone piers and vertical steel railings. Extensions at rear, new roof, concrete verandah floor, possibly new verandah posts, new fence.
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. In 1906, the tram service on Fitzgerald Street reached Forrest Street, providing public transport nearby and hastening development in the immediate area. The plans and subsequent work carried out on nearby Hyde Park around 1899 would also have increased the attraction of the nearby streets and it did lead to the subdividers using the name in a bid to attract purchasers.

No. 164 (Lot 22) was built along Chelmsford Road between Leake and Fitzgerald Streets near the western end of the street. It is one of a number of substantial brick and iron dwellings constructed in the area around this time. The right-of-way at the rear was part of the original survey. These lanes are very common in the North Perth area as they are in many other of the older suburbs of Perth.

In 1904-05 W. H. C. James is recorded in the Rates Books as owning Lots 22 and 23, but in 1905 there are no entries for the western end of Chelmsford Road. This correlates with the Wises Post Office Directories which indicate that the subject dwelling was constructed circa 1910 and those properties to the immediate east and west of the property constructed in 1910.

The 1910, Wise Post Office Directories show just two dwellings on the northern portion of Chelmsford Road between what was then known as John Street (now Leake Street) and Fitzgerald Street, the subject dwelling appearing the following year in 1911. At this time three dwellings are listed on the southern side of the street along this portion. The first occupant of the subject dwelling according to the Wises Post Office Directories is Joseph Tobin who resides at the dwelling from 1911 to 1924. Throughout the 1920s and early 1930s there are a number of different residents. In 1933 John Teehan and later Mrs Mary Teehan are listed as occupying the subject property until 1947 when Mrs Rose Matheson is listed as the resident. In 1949 the last year of the Wises Post Office Directories, Mrs Rose Matheson remains as resident. In 1990 a Building Licence is issued to Dienelt for additions to the dwelling.

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Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate that the subject place had a new roof installed around the late 1980s and a small structure added to the rear of the property. With the roof excepted, the form and extent of the residence has changed little since the first of these aerial images.

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development. Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations		
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

