

DUPLEX, 321-323 FITZGERALD ST, NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Duplex, 321-323 Fitzgerald St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	18001
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	321-323 Fitzgerald St
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 1 - 2 STR: 17054
Vol/folio	1831/189
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 Queen Anne style applied to a duplex which is a landmark in the streetscape.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of commercial and residential buildings on the city fringes during the rapid population in the early years of the twentieth century.</p> <p>This 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: Conjoined Residences
Current use	Residential: Conjoined Residences
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	c1905
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	<p>The single storey semi-detached pair are a brick construction with a single hipped roof with feature gables central over the front room of each half, and an arched roof vent central within the front roof.</p> <p>The bracketed gables are intricately detailed with semi circular and other design fretwork and have apex finials. The front walls are face brick with rendered bands. The front rooms have a rectangular bay with a central pair of double hung sash windows.</p> <p>There is a bullnose verandah across the entire frontage, interrupted by a party wall. The verandah is supported by square timber posts with spindled timber valance and a detailed fretwork archway onto the verandah, in line with the recessed front doors. The chimneys each side are tall face brick chimneys detailed with wide corbelled mouldings.</p> <p>The front fence rests on a face limestone retaining wall that rises four steps from the footpath. The steps are central. Above the retaining wall is a recent high face brick fence, recessed at the entry where two original limestone pillars mark the same. The fence obscures views of the place.</p>

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
<p>Fitzgerald Street was named after Captain Charles Fitzgerald, a captain in the Royal Navy and then Governor of Western Australia from 1848 to 1855. Initially called Woodville and Toorak after the area's early estates, it was not until circa 1901 that the area was named North Perth. It was seen as a good place to live as housing was relatively cheap, and was within walking distance of the City. This property at 321-323 Fitzgerald Street is situated on the west side of the street, between Vincent and Chelmsford streets.</p> <p>In 1906, the tram service on Fitzgerald Street reached Forrest Street, providing public transport for that area and hastening residential development. It is to be noted that this service finished in 1952 with the last tram running in February of that year.</p> <p>The semi-detached pair was built between 1910 and 1915. The laneway 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. Their original purpose was to provide a rear access to the blocks and to allow the Council's night cart access to the householders' 'dunnies' which were built along the rear boundaries of their properties. The 'dunnies' had a flap at the back so that the pan in use could be swapped for a clean one by the 'night soil' man. Initially these night carts were horse-drawn but they were later replaced by motorised vehicles. This service was phased out in the 1950s as more and more properties in the area had sewerage.</p>	

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

In 1915, No. 321 was listed in the Post Office Directory as occupied by George B. Lithgo and there is no listing for No. 323. This was the first year that No. 321 was listed under its current number. Prior to that it was No. 11 and No. 323 was No. 13. William Dewsnap was listed at No. 11 until 1910 and J. Johnson at No. 13, then George Lithgo was listed at No. 11 from 1911 onwards. No. 13 was listed as being occupied again in 1914 by Mrs F.L Gulliver. In 1929 the occupants were George Rodier (No. 321) and Reginald H. Wnet (No. 323); and in 1949 they were Mrs Mabel Cullen (No. 321) and Thomas James (No. 323).

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate that the residences had the roofing replaced in the late 1980s and a small addition made to the back of No. 323 in 2016. No other changes to the form of the residences are visible.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

