

# HOUSE, 426 CHARLES ST, NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 426 Charles St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17985
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	426 Charles St
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 46 D/P: 3784
Vol/folio	1174/839
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<p><b>Moderate</b></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><b>Category 3</b></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 an unusual example of the Inter War California Bungalow style which is a landmark in the streetscape.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the fringes of the settled city during the Inter War period.</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	1940
Walls	Rendered Brick
Roof	Terracotta tile
Architectural Style	Inter War Functionalist
Physical description	<p>The single storey dwelling is in an elevated position on the site with a set of concrete steps with wrought iron balustrade up to the front verandah.</p> <p>The dwelling has a two roomed frontage with the verandah protruding beyond the main front room. The main roof, of Interwar design, is hipped and clad with tiles. A flat roof edged with render and stone is curved around the verandah and across the front window to form an awning. The verandah pillars are circular with horizontal alternate bands of stone and render, similarly the dado verandah wall is alternately banded.</p> <p>The lower section of the main walls of the house are also banded to dado height, then rendered.</p> <p>The windows are in configurations of 3 casements. The front door is a pair of timber framed fully glazed doors.</p> <p>Setback in an elevated position, with lawns and perimeter shrubs. The low rendered fence with curved stepped pillars curves around the corner. The façade is likely to be a later adaptation of the original house.</p>

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

### HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Charles Street became a well-used thorough fare in the 19th Century as it led to the northern track along which farmers carried their produce from their farms down to the Perth markets. There were few houses in this section of Charles Street in the 1920s and none had been allocated street numbers north of Angove Street.

By 1930, some street numbers had been allocated but there was only one house (No. 434) and the Ralmara tennis courts in the block between Redfern and Paddington Streets. This situation remained until 1939 when a second house was built (No. 430).

In 1940, two more were added, Nos. 428 and 426, the subject place. They were both vacant at the time the information for Wise's Post Office Directories was collected. The following year (1941) the Directories showed Alex Gupanis in residence at No. 426 and William Gupanis at No. 428. Alex Gupanis was still in residence at the subject place when the Directories ceased.

Although considered to be quite a long way out of Perth in the 1930s it was just five-block walk down Charles Street to a tram service. The North Perth tram line ran along Angove Street, providing workers and shoppers with transport into Perth until the 1950s. The opening of the Kyilla Infant School in nearby Selkirk Street in 1945 would have been an added benefit for families in the area with young children.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate that the form and extent of the residence have changed little since that time.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
<b>Historic theme</b>	Peopling WA: Demographic Development. Cultural Life: Domestic Life
<b>Associations</b>	
<b>Sources</b>	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.

### ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

