

HOUSE, 11 KNUTSFORD ST, NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 11 Knutsford St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	11442
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 22 Dec 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	11 Knutsford St
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 453 D/P: 32541
Vol/folio	1413/142
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 is a good example of the Federation Queen Anne style of residence in a garden setting and is a landmark in the streetscape.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the city fringes during the rapid population growth following the Gold Boom and 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: Single storey residence
Current use	Residential: Single storey residence
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	c1905
Walls	Rendered Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	<p>The house is constructed of painted brick with a predominantly hipped roof with gambrel roof ventilators.</p> <p>The symmetrical frontage is given emphasis by the decorative gablets above the symmetrical window bays to each of the front rooms.</p> <p>The separate skillion verandah is supported by six turned timber posts, with brackets supporting a decorative fretwork valence. The five bays of the verandah emphasise the central front door and align with the geometry of the bay windows. One chimney survives aligned with the right hand gable.</p> <p>A street facing house with a narrow front garden, fully developed in a cottage style, behind a replacement timber and picket front fence.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Knutsford Street was originally part of a separate subdivision, almost a triangular shape of some 127 larger lots (now mostly subdivided), bounded by Norham, Namur, Walcott and Blake streets. The cross streets were named First Avenue (changed to Namur Street in 1916), Second Avenue (changed to Ruby Street in 1904), Third Avenue (changed to Mabel Street in 1904) and Fourth Avenue (changed to Blake Street in 1916). The narrow laneways in between named No 1, No 2 and No 3 Street. Two of these have since been renamed Nova Lane (between Ruby and Mabel Streets) and Fiore Lane (between Ruby and Namur Streets).

The area was known as Woodville initially and in 1899 it was officially designated as North Perth with the formation of a local roads board (North Perth Roads Board) and in October 1901, it was reclassified as the North Perth Municipality. No. 11 is a weatherboard house according to the MWSSDD sewerage plans of the 1930s. Most of the approximately 20 houses in the street at this time were of weatherboard construction and there were only a few vacant lots.

The lot for No. 11 was created by subdividing Lots 47 and 48 of the original subdivision into three. No. 11 occupied the centre of these three lots. There were no houses listed for the street in the Wise's Post Office Directories from 1903 (when the street was first listed) until 1905. In 1906, there were two listed and six were listed for 1915. In 1916 street numbers were introduced for the first time but not for all the houses in the street. No. 11 was listed and its occupant at that time was John G. Drake. By this time there were 14 houses in the street but this was the first time his name had appeared on the list.

In 1930, No. 11 was occupied by George Henry Jennings and in 1949, the last year of the Directories, by Mrs Mary Crawley.

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One of the attractions of Knutsford Street was Woodville Reserve at its southern end. As early as 1910 the North Perth Bowling Club was established there and the tennis courts followed in 1915, and the Woodville Cricket Club in 1937. The park is still used for tennis, lawn bowls, cricket, soccer, and volleyball (2008). The park is also a dog exercise area, with playground equipment, barbecues, public toilets and a pavilion, where groups such as the Swiss Club meet on a regular basis. The subject place has been restored in recent years.

Aerial photographs from the late 20th century show a small addition to the back of the building in the early 1990s, and a further addition to what appears to be a carport was put in on the north side of the building in 2017. There have been no visible external changes since then.

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

