

THREE HOUSES, 1, 3 AND 7 LEAKE ST, NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Three Houses, 1, 3 and 7 Leake St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	18027
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	1,3,7 Leake St
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 12 D/P: 3192 LOT: 11 D/P: 3192 LOT: 109 D/P: 90200
Vol/folio	1984/604 532/67 2065/901
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 group of three residences have aesthetic value as good intact examples of the Federation Queen Anne and Federation Bungalow style individually and form a cohesive group in the streetscape.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings for the affluent members of the community in North Perth during 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 Terracotta tile
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne Federation Bungalow
Physical description	<p>The three dwellings are fine examples of their style and period. All are asymmetrical in form with expansive hipped roofs and one or more gable features.</p> <p>The places all have corner verandahs, both separate and integral roofs. The places are all brick structures and feature decorative valances, fretwork brackets and turned timber posts.</p> <p>1 & 7 have the characteristic richness of detail associated with the Queen Anne style, whilst 3 is much plainer in detail consistent with the character of the Bungalow style.</p> <p>The projecting verandah eaves of 3 shadow the valance detail and weaken the visual junction of the roof and its supporting structure.</p> <p>Low brick fences reveal the lawn and garden residential settings.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The west side of Leake (originally John) Street was part of the Monastery Grounds Estate, which covered the area between Leake (west side) and Camelia Street (east side) and was bounded by Park Street on the north side and Vincent Street to the south. The Estate was established following the construction of the Redemptorist Monastery in 1903, at which time the excess church land was subdivided for residential use. The estate was advertised as being 'situated on the heights of North Perth' and 'only one mile from the Central Railway Station. In the early 20th Century people were used to walking and a one-mile walk into the City was considered very reasonable. The advertisement went on to say, it was 'only one minute from the tram', which ran along Charles Street. The agent, W. Wilford Mitchell of 83 William Street, Perth, also boasted that the blocks were 'surrounded by superior villas, overlooking City and river'.

The houses at 1, 3 and 7 Leake Street appear to be the only houses in this section of the street on the MWSSDD sewerage plan but they were not numbered. Between 1911 and 1915 no houses were listed in this section of the street in Wise's Post Office Directories. In 1915 the name was changed to Leake Street and Nos 1 and 7 were listed with Harry Highman at No. 11 and Mrs P.J. Horrigan at No. 7. No. 3 was listed for the first time in 1919 when Mrs Harry Throssell was the resident.

At that time the other occupants were still Harry Highman (No.1) and Michael J. Horrigan at No. 7.

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According to the City of Perth rate books, in 1922 the houses were owned by Henry Highman (No. 1), Miss Rosetta Smith (No. 3) and Priscilla Horrigan (No. 7) which was described as 'house & ground'. Nos 1 and 3 were rentals at that stage but the owner Priscilla Horrigan occupied No. 7.

In 1949, the last year of the Directories, the residents were John M. Woulfe and Norm Waggs (No.1), Miss Rosetta Smith (No.3) and Mrs Priscilla J. Horrigan and Mrs D. Croft (No. 7).

Additions/alterations were carried out to No. 1 in 2006 by Dale Alcock Home Improvements.

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



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