

# NORTH PERTH TOWN HALL COMPLEX



PLACE INFORMATION	
<b>Place name</b>	North Perth Town Hall Complex
<b>Other names</b>	North Perth Lesser Hall North Perth Main Hall
<b>Place type</b>	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
<b>inHerit ID:</b>	2216, 18080, 18079
<b>State Heritage Register:</b>	27 Aug 1999
<b>Other Listing:</b>	Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
<b>Street address</b>	20 - 22 View St
<b>Locality</b>	North Perth
<b>Survey</b>	LOT: 2146 D/P: 116482
<b>Vol/folio</b>	2030/208
<b>Reserve</b>	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
<b>Level of significance</b>	<b>Exceptional</b> Essential to the heritage of the area. Rare or outstanding example. Consider for nomination for State Register of Heritage Places if not already included.
<b>Management category</b>	<b>Category 1</b> The place should be retained and conserved. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and be in accordance with a Conservation Plan if one is in place.
<b>Statement of significance</b>	<p>Planned as the eastern wing of a greater complex, the grandeur of the Lesser Hall illustrates the wealth and confidence the gold boom period.</p> <p>Built of red brick masonry construction with stuccoed ornamentation, the place forms a visually important and cohesive complex.</p> <p>The place forms a part of streetscape of similarly styled buildings on Leake and View Streets.</p> <p>The place is a representative example of municipal halls designed in the Federation Free Classical style for the inner suburbs that emerged around the city of Perth in the early 1900s.</p> <p>North Perth Lesser Hall is a fine example of the architectural work of Henry James Prockter and the Main Hall is a good example of the work of architects Wright, Powell and Cameron.</p> <p>The place has been a landmark in the suburb since 1902 and as such had contributed to the community's sense of place.</p>

PLACE USE	
<b>Original use</b>	Governmental: Town, Shire or District Hall
<b>Current use</b>	Social/Recreational: Community Hall
<b>Other use</b>	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
<b>Construction date</b>	1902-1910
<b>Walls</b>	Brick
<b>Roof</b>	Corrugated Metal Sheeting
<b>Architectural Style</b>	Federation Free Classical Federation Arts and Crafts
<b>Physical description</b>	<p>The North Perth Town Hall (Main Hall) is a single storey façade set in front of a functionalist hall. The principal façade is basically in stucco with a stepped parapet which carries the building's name, set above a rather Beaux Arts composition, with central arched fanlit doorway, with frieze over, and symmetrical double hung windows and fanlights. Each of the façade openings is set between pilasters of red face brickwork. Side and rear facades are painted brickwork with regular pilasters and an orderly array of window and door openings.</p> <p>The lesser hall comprises of a single storey hall and an administration section. The facade is highly decorated with stucco which includes a circular vent, balustrade, corner pinnacles, and arched bands over the doors and windows. The fanlights above the central window and entrance are multi-paned. The façade is articulated by the use of paired and twinned gables with groups of arched windows at ground level, balustrades parapet with faceted gables and finial rising from an oculus all set between corner tourelles.</p>

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Integrity</b>	Moderate
<b>Authenticity</b>	Moderate

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
	<p>The North Perth Road Board District was gazetted in March 1899 and North Perth was declared a municipality in 1901. The following year, a town hall and council chambers were built on View Street. The building was designed by architect Henry J. Prockter as one part of a larger Town Hall complex and built by Mr. Wilkinson for approximately £1000. The hall was opened on 30 June 1902 by Sir George Shenton, a distinguished businessman and at one time Lord Mayor of Perth. It was always intended that this was the first stage of a larger project.</p>
	<p>The prosperity of North Perth led to the decision to add to the Lesser Hall with a new Main Hall of a less exuberant design by architects Wright, Powell and Cameron in 1910. The Main Hall was built by Robert Bracks for £906.</p>
	<p>In 1933, the Main Hall was enlarged with an addition to the front to bring the building line to the same level as the Lesser Hall, a new facade, lobby and side vestibules.</p>
	<p>In 1914, the Municipality of North Perth amalgamated with the City of Perth to form the Greater Perth Council and North Perth no longer had its own Mayor and town council. The halls were then used as district halls, providing overflow classrooms for the North Perth school, and a venue for a number of lodges and friendly societies, as well as for an infant health centre until a separate building for the centre was added on the eastern side of the Lesser Hall. This health centre was the first of its kind in the Town of Vincent area.</p>
	<p>There have been minor alterations and additions to the buildings but the extent and form of the two halls can still be determined.</p>
	<p>The buildings are now used as a community function space for a range of purposes.</p>

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
<b>Historic theme</b>	Governing: Government and Politics Cultural Life: Recreation - Arts, Cultural and Entertainment
<b>Associations</b>	Henry James Prockter Mr. Wilkinson Wright, Powell and Cameron Robert Bracks
<b>Sources</b>	P2216 North Perth Town Hall Complex Assessment Documentation, DPLH, 1999 Northern Times, 17 September 1910, p. 2.

### ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



ARCHIVAL IMAGES



*Opening of the Lesser Hall, 30 June 1902. City of Vincent library Image PH00484.*