

HOUSE, 10 RICHMOND STREET, NORTH PERTH



| PLACE INFORMATION | |
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| Place name | House, 10 Richmond Street |
| Other names | Fairbanks Residence Town of Vincent offices Electricity Commission offices |
| Place type | Individual building or group |

| HERITAGE LISTING | |
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| inHerit ID: | 25712 |
| State Heritage Register: | |
| Other Listing: | Municipal Inventory Adopted 28 Jun 2016 |

| SITE LOCATION | |
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| Street address | 10 Richmond St |
| Locality | North Perth |
| Survey | LOT: 302 D/P: 423475 |
| Vol/folio | 4035/241 |
| Reserve | — |

| SIGNIFICANCE | |
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| Level of significance | Moderate Contributes to the heritage of the locality. Has some altered or modified elements, not necessarily detracting from the overall significance of the place. |
| Management category | Category 3 Conservation of the place is desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and retain original fabric where feasible. |
| Statement of significance | <p>The place has aesthetic value as a good intact example of the Inter War Mediterranean style in rendered brick and tile.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings in North Perth the Inter War period for skilled tradespeople and their families.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the period in which the place was used as offices for the former Town of Vincent, and state government agencies who adapted the place for their short term use.</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> <p>The place has social value as it still demonstrates the scale and form of a modest home typical of the Inter War period</p> |

| PLACE USE | |
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| Original use | Residential: Single Storey Residence |
| Current use | Residential: Single Storey Residence |
| Other use | Governmental: Office or Administration Building |

| CONSTRUCTION DETAILS | |
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| Construction date | 1935 |
| Walls | Brick Rendered Brick |
| Roof | Terracotta Tile |
| Architectural Style | Inter-War Mediterranean |
| Physical description | <p>The single storey rendered brick and tile dwelling at No. 10 Richmond Street was constructed in the Inter-War Mediterranean style. There is a full width flat roofed, concrete floored verandah supported on Doric columns. A rendered brick chimney pierces the roof on the eastern side.</p> <p>Centrally located is a pair of glass doors, flanked by sets of three casement windows set in rendered brick walls. The walls extend up to a half gable, which is part timbered with a hipped tiled roof over the whole of the house.</p> <p>A limestone pier fence with metal railing is located on the property boundary and the front garden is paved, lawn and minimal planting.</p> |
| Condition | Good |
| Integrity | High |
| Authenticity | High |

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The residence was built in 1935 for Harold Meadows Fairbanks (1903-1983) and his wife Edna Bridget, nee O'Brien (1908-1981). The couple married in 1930 and had one daughter in 1939, and this place was their family home until at least the late 1940s. Harold Fairbanks was a contractor and later a master builder therefore it is likely he built this home, possibly to his own design. No details of an architect have been found in this research.

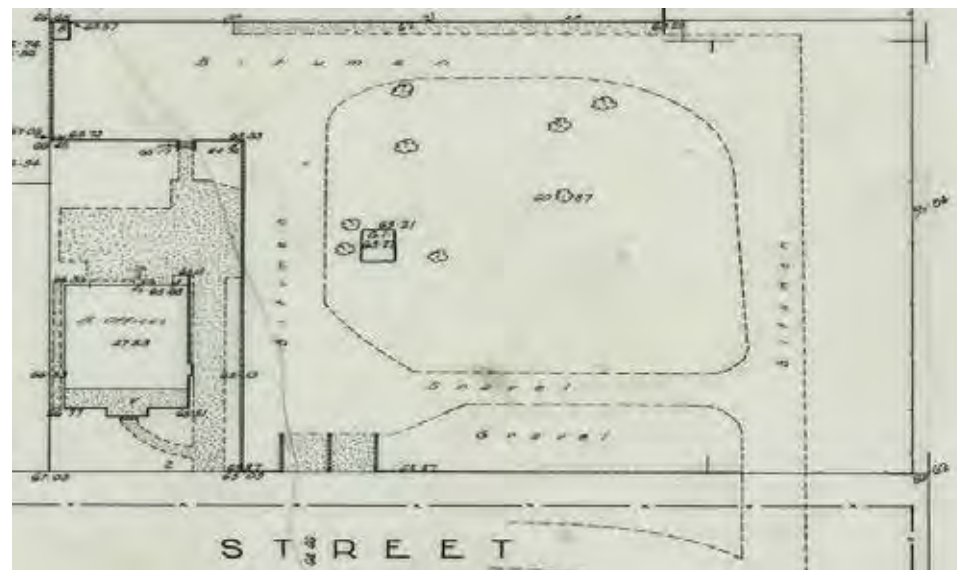
The place is of interest for its demonstration of the Inter-War Mediterranean style which was not widely used in Western Australia and was generally confined to the stylistic treatment of the front elevation and verandah. It was used in parts of Menora, Nedlands and Dalkeith. It is not widely found in Vincent.

A sewerage plan of the property in 1965 shows the place is designated as brick offices. Landgate resources indicate that this property was owned by the Town of Vincent in the 1990s, after being transferred from the Electricity Corporation. Aerial photographs from the 1960s show the area to the east and north of this place was undeveloped, or used for light industry. It is therefore not surprising that this place was secured as offices for a government agency. The place was transferred to private ownership in 1997 and returned to its original use as a residence.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show very few changes to the property until around 2003 when an extension was added to the rear of the building. This addition was removed in the early 2020s as the block appears to have been shortened. These are the only visible changes to the subject place.

| HISTORICAL INFORMATION | | |
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| Historic theme | Peopling WA: Demographic Development Cultural Life: Domestic Life Economy: Commerce | |
| Associations | Harold Fairbanks and family | Owner, builder and occupier |
| Sources | Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. City of Perth Rates Books | |

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



Sewerage Plan 1965. Courtesy SROWA cons 4156 item 0242.