

# BRISBANE HOTEL, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Brisbane Hotel
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	1964
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Statewide Hotel Survey Completed 01 Nov 1997 Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	292 Beaufort St
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOT 1, DP: 501 LOT 10, DP:5740 LOT 11, DP: 5740 LOT 12. DP: 5740
Vol/folio	1712/69
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<b>Considerable</b> Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/authenticity.
Management category	<b>Category 2</b> Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.
Statement of significance	Brisbane Hotel is a flat iron shaped landmark at the junction of Beaufort and Brisbane Streets in the Federation Free Classical style.  This hotel has operated continuously as licensed premises since 1898, providing a social focus for the neighbourhood and demonstrates the development of the area in the late 19th century.  The hotel has been the attended by many members of the community from the late 19th century and is valued for its contribution to the community sense of place.

### PLACE USE

<b>Original use</b>	Commercial: Hotel
<b>Current use</b>	Commercial: Hotel
<b>Other use</b>	Social/Recreational: Theatre

### CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

<b>Construction date</b>	1897
<b>Walls</b>	Painted Brick
<b>Roof</b>	Corrugated metal sheeting
<b>Architectural Style</b>	Federation Free Classical
<b>Physical description</b>	<p>The flat iron, or wedge shaped, two storey corner hotel addresses both frontages of the converging streets. It has a truncated corner. The street frontages have a string coursed parapet with pediments facing Brisbane Street and mouldings to all window openings.</p> <p>The original one storey verandah has been removed and replaced with a cantilevered awning. The external face brick work has been painted. Prominent landmark with zero setbacks on a wedge shaped corner lot. Single storey extensions are located to the rear.</p>
<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Integrity</b>	Moderate
<b>Authenticity</b>	High

### HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Brisbane Hotel was built in 1898, on part of Perth Town Lot N97 at the corner of Beaufort and Brisbane streets. The building was fitted into the triangular shaped corner created where Brisbane Street angled north-eastward past the corner of Stone's Lake to link with Bulwer Street. The hotel was originally constructed in Federation Free Classical with a Filigree style two-storey verandah.

Beaufort Street was the main thoroughfare to the rapidly developing residential areas of Highgate and immediate surrounds. Mixed residential and commercial development was spreading along Beaufort Street and in December 1897, a tramline was gazetted to run the length of the street from the Barrack Street jetty to Walcott Street.

The Brisbane Hotel was built for G. & A. Y. Glyde. In 1898, the publican was A. H. Woodgate. In 1905, it was William Ireland, in 1910 Marian Haines, and in 1915 P. M. O'Donahue. The upstairs guest rooms attracted travellers as there were horse stables at the rear.

In 1929, tiles were added to the front of the hotel, during a period when many existing hotels were undergoing modernisation and attempting to present a sleek modern look. In 1933, architects Oldham, Boas and Ednie-Brown redesigned the public bar.

The ground floor public areas were refurbished in the 1990s with a Theatre operating for a number of years on the upper floor, which originally provided bedroom accommodation.

Birdwood Square is opposite the hotel and in the 1950's and 1960's it was the home ground for the Surf Hockey Club. 'When the women - the girlfriends, the wives - were playing hockey in those days, the men would either drop them off or get off the tram with them. The girls would go onto Birdwood Square and play and the guys would be straight into the front bar at the 'Brizzie', occasionally looking at the talent or to look at the form (John Hyde). At least one couple were known to have met and married through such a liaison. In the 1960's the hotel housed a prestigious restaurant.

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

The hotel and the theatre were closed for extensive renovations in 2003 and the hotel reopened under new management at the end of 2004. A major change was the creation of a large outdoor area for patrons with extensive planting.

Since that time the place has not changed significantly in form or extent.

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

<b>Historic theme</b>	Peopling WA: Demographic development	
	Economy: Commerce	
	Cultural Life: Recreation - Arts, Culture and Entertainment	
<b>Associations</b>	Oldham, Boas and Ednie-Brown	Architects
<b>Sources</b>	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006.	
	Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	
	The Inquirer and Commercial News, 10 September 1897, p. 15.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



ARCHIVAL IMAGES



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