

FOUR SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Four Semi-detached Dwellings
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group
HERITAGE LISTING	
State Heritage Office ID:	11434
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 22 Dec 1997
SITE LOCATION	
Street address	165-171 Brisbane St
Locality	Perth
Survey	Various
Vol/folio	Various
Reserve	—

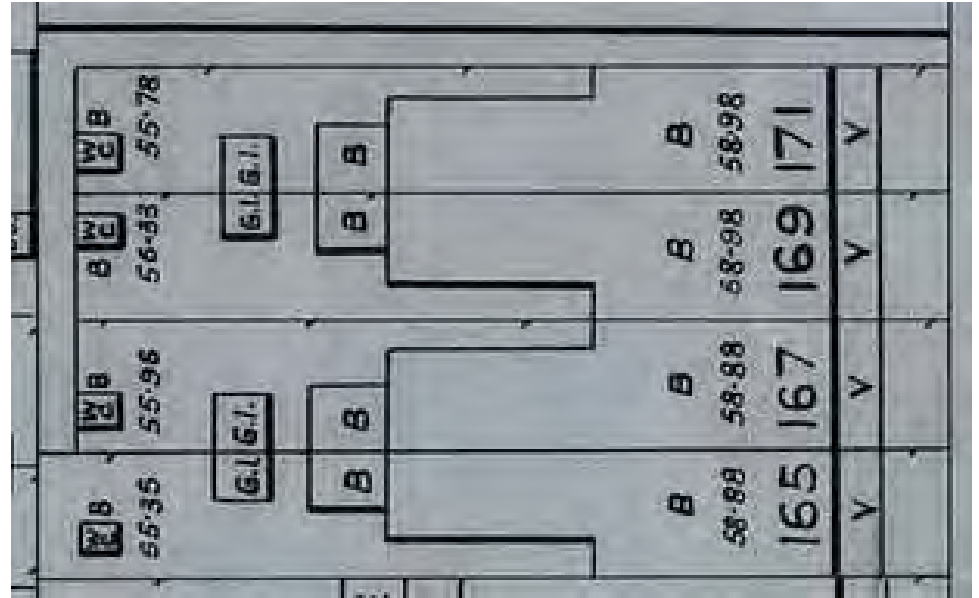
SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<p>Considerable Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/authenticity.</p>
Management category	<p>Category 2 Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>The four conjoined dwellings is a good intact example of the Federation Bungalow style executed in brick.</p> <p>The place contributes to the streetscape quality and character of Highgate.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the city fringes during the rapid population increase of 1890's gold boom and the early years of the twentieth century.</p> <p>The 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 demonstrates the style and scale of housing built for working families in the late 19th century.</p>
PLACE USE	
Original use	Residential: Conjoined residence
Current use	Residential: Conjoined residence
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	c1897
Walls	Painted brick Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Victorian Georgian
Physical description	This group of 4 dwellings is designed in the form and style of a single Victorian Georgian house. Originally there was little to distinguish the dwellings from each other.
	The form of this group of dwellings is one of the oldest residential forms still existing in the district.
	The group has an extended hipped iron roof, with brick chimneys to the rear at either end. A detached skillion verandah runs the length of the façade, which is an extended Georgian exercise of well proportioned door and window openings set as symmetrically as possible. The remaining and form of the front elevation is difficult to determine because of the high brick wall on the front property boundary.
Condition	Good
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	Low/Moderate

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development Economy: Commerce Cultural Life: Domestic Life
Associations	
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
<p>The lots on the south side of this section of Brisbane Street bordered Lake Thomson (Mews Swamp) and the Brookman Street/Moir Street residential development of 1897. This development was carried out by William Gordon Brookman's Colonial Finance Corporation between Brookman, Moir and Lake Street and Forbes Road. Brookman, Lord Mayor of Perth (1900-01) had made his fortune in gold mining in Kalgoorlie. He was also deeply involved in the racing industry and later ran into financial troubles and his properties had to be sold off to meet his debts.</p>	
<p>The two semi-detached pairs at Nos. 165-171 Brisbane Street appear on the 1897 PWD sewerage plans, but not on the 1897 City of Perth rate books. In the 1898 rate books they appear under the ownership of Goodman Nicholl. They are shown at this time as being on Perth Town Lot N17, as were 14 other houses and cottages. The correct lot number appears to be N14 or N15 (even though the City's rate inspectors had trouble figuring out where they were at times).</p>	
<p>In 1898, the residences were numbered 65-71, and each semi-half was valued at £500. Tenants were Charles P. Burk (No.65), Alex Ross (No. 69) and George E. Watson, typist (No.71). No. 65 was vacant.</p>	
<p>Between 1907 and 1916, the houses were re-numbered 117-123. In 1916 they were given their current street address of Nos. 165-171 Brisbane Street and in 1918, the first year that they are listed in Wise's Post Office Directories, as the current address, the residents were Mrs Ruby Oldfield (No. 165), Mrs Albinia Johanneson (No. 167), Henry Holland (No. 169) and Francis E. Tippet (No. 171). In 1949 the residents were Mrs Gwen Adams, Mrs Hazel Larsen, Alfred Snow and William Morphew.</p>	
<p>Aerial photographs from the late 20th century indicate the roofing was replaced in stages through the 1980s and was completed by the early 1990s. A small addition was added to the back of No. 165 and No. 167 parts of the Lot in 2002. A similar addition was added to the No. 169 part of the Lot in 2017. There have been no visible external changes since then.</p>	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



Sewerage Plan Sheet 66, 1951. Courtesy SROWA.