

SHOP AND HOUSE, 296 FITZGERALD ST, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Shop and House, 296 Fitzgerald St
Other names	Carmel Corner
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
State Heritage Office ID:	8706
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	296 Fitzgerald St
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOT: 8 D/P: 2411
Vol/folio	1978/955
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.</p> <p>Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place, and original fabric should be retained wherever feasible.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>The place has aesthetic value as an intact and good example of a combined shop and premises built in the Federation Queen Anne style which is a landmark on a prominent corner.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of commercial and residential buildings on the city fringes during the rapid population in the early years of the twentieth century.</p> <p>The place demonstrates the common practice of combining a shop and premises in the first half of the 20th century, and represents the change in shopping practices whereby small corner stores were no longer viable.</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	Commercial: Shop/Retail
Current use	Commercial: Shop/Retail
Other use	Residence: Single Storey Residence

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	c1914
Walls	Painted Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	The single storey corner store with attached residence has an ornate parapet with ball finials and other decorative elements around the street fronts and corner truncation. The name of the building that was on the corner pediment has been gouged off, but has been covered up with the current residents, Circles. The cantilevered bullnose verandah appears to be original. The brickwork has been painted. The single storey bungalow residential section is of the most basic form of bungalow, with a large hipped roof, separate dropped down bullnose verandah, and symmetrical distribution of openings. Prominent corner location.
Condition	Good
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	Moderate

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Fitzgerald Street developed with a mixture of residential and retail/commercial premises, as expected of a major thoroughfare. Perth Town Lot Y285 was still vacant land in 1910, and was owned by George Throssell (1840-1910), a merchant, former Premier of Western Australia and Mayor of Northam. Throssell had arrived in Western Australia in 1850 with his parents on 'Scindian', the first of the convict transport ships. His father was a convict guard and became a police sergeant in Perth. George represented Northam in the West Australian Parliament from 1890 - 1904. He succeeded John Forrest as Premier in 1901 for a period of a little over three months before resigning and returning to the back bench. Throssell purchased the land on the corner of Fitzgerald Street and Glendower Street in 1902. It was situated very close to his Perth residence at 15 Throssell Street.

George Throssell died in 1910 at his home in Northam as a result of a fall and the property in Fitzgerald Street was developed either by his executors or by a later owner.

The residence and shop at No 296-298, on the corner of Fitzgerald and Glendower streets, was constructed c1914. The building first appears in the Wisers' Post Office Directories for 1914. The tenant of both the shop and the house at that time was recorded as draper Joseph Abramovich.

In 1932, dressmaker Madame Gotlieb occupied both the shop and residence and in 1940 it was D. Nazarow, umbrella repairer. In 1949 the tenants were Mrs R. Ross 'frocks retail' at No. 296 and M. Segal, tailor at No. 298. As small retail premises were overtaken by larger shopping centres, the need for small businesses declined and the place became rundown.

It restored and adapted for use as an office in the early 1990s with a small addition to the rear, new roof cladding and the creation of a car park in the rear of the lot.

Since that time there has been no significant change in the form or extent of the original building.

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

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

