

# ROYAL STANDARD HOTEL (FMR), PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Royal Standard Hotel (fmr),
Other names	Northbridge Hotel Hotel Northbridge
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
State Heritage Office ID:	1970
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	210 Lake St
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOT: 100 D/P: 82815
Vol/folio	1937/598
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<p><b>Considerable</b> Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/authenticity.</p>
Management category	<p><b>Category 2</b> Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>Royal Standard Hotel (fmr) has aesthetic value as a simple expression of the Federation Queen Anne style hotel.</p> <p>The place is a landmark in the streetscape as a large building on a prominent corner in the commercial precinct of Brisbane Street.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the period of hotel building in the suburbs, which coincided with the Gold Boom affluence and the suburban developments north of Perth, such as the nearby Brookman/Moir precinct.</p> <p>The hotel has provided continuous hospitality services since its establishment and its pattern of ownership and operation has reflected that of suburban hotels.</p> <p>The place has social value for the provision of hotel facilities since the late 19th century and has been attended by many members of the community.</p> <p>Its longevity in the streetscape contributes to the community sense of place.</p>

PLACE USE	
<b>Original use</b>	Commercial: Hotel, Tavern or Inn
<b>Current use</b>	Commercial: Hotel, Tavern or Inn
<b>Other use</b>	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
<b>Construction date</b>	1897
<b>Walls</b>	Painted brick
<b>Roof</b>	Corrugated metal sheeting
<b>Architectural Style</b>	Federation Queen Anne
<b>Physical description</b>	The two storey brick rendered building wraps the corner and features two gables on the Brisbane Street frontage. It has retained the original form but has had substantial modifications to its façade. Renovations (1996) removed many original openings and replicated the original two storey verandah.  Zero setback to both streets and truncated corner.
<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Integrity</b>	Moderate
<b>Authenticity</b>	High

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Royal Standard Hotel was built in 1897 for grocer Frederick Lee, the architect or builder have not been determined.

The Royal Standard Hotel was established at the same time as the Colonial Finance Company's residential estate on Brookman, Moir and Lake streets. The general area was undergoing rapid residential and commercial development in the late 1890s as a result of the gold discoveries in the colony.

The City of Perth rate books indicate that in 1909 the shop was owned by Francis Nellie Timpel and operated by Florence Craib, and in 1910 the property was owned by the Swan Brewery Company.

The verandahs of the hotel were removed, possibly during the general upgrading of existing hotels that took place in the late 1920s and 1930s, when the removal of verandahs was seen as giving buildings a sleek, modern look. Alternatively, they may have been removed in the 1940s or '50s, when the City council required the replacement of verandahs with awnings, as verandah posts were considered a hazard with more motor vehicles on the roads.

It is believed that some of the proceeds from WA's famous 'Golden Eagle' nugget (the largest recorded in WA) found at Larkinville by J.J. Larcombe and his son in January 1931, were used for the hotel and they may have been used to fund these changes.

Aerial photographs indicate that the hotel was only a portion of the block and a duplex pair was located alongside Amy Street. These residences were demolished in the late 1960s and a two storey addition was constructed in the centre of the lot.

The verandahs were reinstated in 1999 in a program of refurbishment. The hotel purchased the right-of-way in 1992 and in 1993 permission was granted to use it as an outdoor eating area and two storey additions were undertaken facing Amy street. Other alterations were made to the building in 2005 to open up the interior to cater for modern entertainments needs.

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The bar was refurbished in 2005 and approval was given to the hotel's manager, Timothy Leech, for alfresco dining along the Lake and Brisbane street footpaths within a limited area after a successful three-month trial period. Following the period of redevelopment a \$7 million upgrade - between 1995 and 2005, the Northbridge Hotel re-emerged as the Hotel Northbridge.

In 2006 further changes were made to the bar areas which included a wine cellar and to the kitchen with the addition of a pizza oven. In 2008 this 'boutique' hotel had a four-star rating. The accommodation areas included 49 suites and three penthouse suites; there were three bars and a restaurant; and there was also a function room which could accommodate 180 guests and a boardroom which could be booked. Since the completion of these alterations the building has not significantly changed.

<b>Historic theme</b>	Peopling WA: Demographic development Economy: Commerce Cultural Life; Recreation - Arts, Culture and Entertainment
<b>Associations</b>	
<b>Sources</b>	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



Royal Standard Hotel (fmr) 1968. Courtesy SLWA image b2424768\_1