

TWO HOUSES, 214-216 BULWER ST, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Two Houses, 214-216 Bulwer St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
State Heritage Office ID:	18077
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	214 - 216 Bulwer St
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOT: 1 D/P: 1257 LOT: 2 D/P: 1257
Vol/folio	1473/779 1142/480
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 two residences have aesthetic value as good intact examples of the Federation Bungalow style executed in brick.</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 has historic value for its association with the small scale property development undertaken by individuals in the gold boom period, in this circumstance the Reverend Thomas Bird who developed these properties.</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>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Current use	Residential: Single Storey Residence
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1897-1899
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Bungalow
Physical description	<p>No. 214 is a single storey face brick building featuring twin horizontal bands of lighter coloured bricks. The projecting front room is surrounded on three sides by a dropped pitch verandah with turned timber posts and a circular patterned timber detail in its valance. It has stucco bands on its red brick chimneys, and has several features in common with its neighbour at 216. A small flight of steps lead up to the elevated verandah. The timber windows are double hung and the front windows are a narrow pair set into a square bay.</p> <p>No. 216 is similar in basic form and style. It may once have had the same roof form as No. 214, which could have been modified into the current simplified crippled bungalow roof form. The verandah decoration is cast iron valance which may or may not have been modified.</p> <p>The adjacent residences at 218 and 220 appear to be the same design but are not clearly visible from the street.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Nos. 214- 216, together with Nos. 218 - 220 were constructed on Lot N109 between 1897 and 1899. Three of the houses appear in the 1898 City of Perth Rate Books, but it is not certain which of the four these are. They are all shown on the PWD sewerage plan series of 1900 and are listed in the 1900 Post Office Directory. The four houses were built in two designs, with 214 and 216 being of similar design, and 218 and 220 another.

All four houses were built for the Reverend Thomas Bird so it is most likely that the same builder was involved. The houses were originally numbered 348- 354, and later 286-296. They appear to have been given their current street numbers by 1910.

In 1905, No. 214 was occupied by Frederick Bull and No. 216 by P. C. Booty.

Reverend Thomas Bird who had organised the construction of the residence was a member of the Methodist Church and served throughout Western Australia after migrating from England. Sadly Rev Bird took his own life in 1908 and his unwise investments in real estate was believed to have been one of the reasons for his suicide.

In 1949 the residents were Mrs Margaret Clancy (No. 214) and Miss Margaret Menzies (No. 216). No. 214 was extensively renovated prior to 1996.

The roof cladding of 216 is the only roof cladding of the four residences that has a red corrugated metal sheeting, the others are all grey. Aerial photographs indicate that all the roofs were originally red.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development Cultural Life: Domestic Life
Associations	Reverend Thomas Bird Original owner
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. The Albany Advertiser, 5 Feb 1908, p. 3. The Geraldton Express, 5 Feb 1908, p. 3.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

