

# SEMI-DETACHED PAIR, 157-159 PALMERSTON ST, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
<b>Place name</b>	Semi-detached pair, 157-159 Palmerston St
<b>Other names</b>	
<b>Place type</b>	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
<b>inHerit ID:</b>	8738
<b>State Heritage Register:</b>	
<b>Other Listing:</b>	Municipal Inventory Adopted 22 Dec 1997

SITE LOCATION	
<b>Street address</b>	157-159 Palmerston St
<b>Locality</b>	Perth
<b>Survey</b>	LOT: 1 STR: 29986 LOT: 2 STR: 29986
<b>Vol/folio</b>	2053/987 2053/988
<b>Reserve</b>	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
<b>Level of significance</b>	<p><b>Moderate</b></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>
<b>Management category</b>	<p><b>Category 3</b></p> <p>Conservation of the place is desirable.</p> <p>Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and retain original fabric where feasible.</p>
<b>Statement of significance</b>	<p>The place has aesthetic value as a good intact example of a duplex constructed in the Victorian Georgian style and makes a positive contribution to the streetscape.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential and commercial buildings on the city fringes during the rapid population increase of the 1890's gold boom and the early years of the twentieth century.</p> <p>The place is representative as an example of a modest residential building for working families dating from the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.</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	Residential: Conjoined Residences
Current use	Residential: Conjoined Residences
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1903
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Late Colonial Georgian
Physical description	A one storey semi detached pair of dwellings with iron hipped roofs and bullnose verandahs supported by turned timber posts. The houses are red brick laid in the Flemish Bond pattern. Chimneys incorporate brick corbelling.  The high walls on the front property boundary obscure the front elevation and prevent a detailed description.
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

### HISTORICAL INFORMATION

This section of Palmerston Street is situated in the area immediately north of Lake Henderson. Market gardening activities were carried out on the bed of Lake Henderson after it was drained in the early 1870s, and the surrounding areas developed early. European gardeners were followed by Chinese market gardeners who operated until the early 1920s. In the meantime the 1890s gold rush brought a huge influx of prospectors to the State, many of whom became permanent settlers.

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This area's proximity to the City made the area attractive to settlers but the excessive demand caused a tent city to develop in nearby Hyde Park. Continuing demand for housing led to several new subdivisions. This one, which covered the area between Randall, Bulwer and Palmerston streets with Myrtle Street running through the middle east-west, was carried out in 1891.

The subject semi-detached pair at 157-159 Palmerston Street was constructed on part of Perth Town Lot Y240 in 1903. The owner at time of its construction was Pat Cleary. According to Wise's Post Office Directories, in 1903 No. 157 was occupied by Mr M. Luber, a storekeeper; No. 159 was not listed but in 1925 the residents were Thomas A. Brown and Mrs W. Lester.

In 1949, the last year of the Directories, the residents were Thomas O'Brien and Mrs Stearn. The City of Perth building licence cards indicate that owner A. Perroni applied for a licence to reconstruct a portion of the original building in brick and No. 159 was extensively modernised around 2000 by its architect owner. It was subsequently advertised for sale at between \$529,000 and \$549,000.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show the extension added to No. 159 in the late 1990s and early 2000s as well as the new roof installed on both of the pair around the same time. Double garages were added to the rear of No. 157, one in the early 2000s and the other around 2011. There have been no other visible changes to the subject sites since that time.

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development. Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	Pat Cleary Mr M. Luber Thomas A. Brown Mrs W. Lester	Owner Occupant Occupant Occupant
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

