

SEMI-DETACHED PAIR, 60-62 PALMERSTON, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Semi-detached pair, 60-62 Palmerston St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	11444
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 22 Dec 1997

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	60-62 Palmerston St
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOT: 1 - 2 STR: 18501
Vol/folio	1861/476- 1477
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 retain original fabric where feasible.</p>
Statement of significance	<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	c1898
Walls	Brick Painted Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Victorian Georgian
Physical description	A semi detached pair of cottages with hipped roofs, central fireplaces, bullnose verandahs with decorative timber bressemer and a fire wall with vermiculated cap. One of the pair has retained its face brickwork, while the brickwork of the other has been painted. This is reflected in the brick piers of the front fence.
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	Moderate / High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

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Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development. Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations		
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2023 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

