

HOUSE, 22 MYRTLE ST, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION

Place name	House, 22 Myrtle St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING

inHerit ID:	18041
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION

Street address	22 Myrtle St
Locality	Perth
Survey	Lot , Lot 41 DP 376
Vol/folio	1661/798
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE

Level of significance	<p>Some / 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 item.</p>
Management category	<p>Category 3</p> <p>Conservation of the place is desirable. 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 interest as a simple expression of the Victorian Georgian style of workers cottage.</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>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Residential: Single storey residence
Current use	Residential: Single storey residence
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1890s
Walls	Weatherboard
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Victorian Georgian
Physical description	<p>The single storey cottage has a symmetrical frontage with a central front door flanked by double hung sash windows. The place is timber framed and clad with weatherboard. The gable roof is clad with corrugated iron and has a separate skillion verandah supported by square timber posts. Minimal garden setback.</p> <p>Views of the cottage are limited because of the dense planting in the small front yard.</p>
Condition	Fair
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Myrtle Street, one of a number of streets in the area with a woman's name, is situated in the area immediately north of Lake Henderson between Palmerston Street and Randell Lane. In the early years of the 1890s when No. 22 was built, there were few houses in the area and much of this northern side of Perth was still sparsely settled. Market gardening activities had been carried out on the bed of nearby Lake Henderson by the Europeans after it was cleared and drained in the early 1870s. They were followed by Chinese market gardeners who operated until the early 1920s at both Dorrien Gardens (to the west) and Robertson Park (south) where Lee Hop's cottage remains today.

The 1890s gold rush changed the situation with the demand for housing for new settlers (attracted to WA by the rush), leading to several subdivisions in nearby areas. Although Myrtle Street was always a short, dead-end street running parallel to Bulwer, it was also close to Third Swamp, which would have been seen as a positive following its development as Hyde Park, which began in 1898. Unlike many of the other subdivisions in the area, this section between Bulwer and Randell streets did not have rear laneways.

No. 22 Myrtle Street appeared on the 1897 PWD City of Perth & Suburbs sewerage plan (Sheet 8, 18.8.1897), together with its neighbours at Nos. 18 and 24. Other houses in the street at this time included a mirror-image pair with bay windows at Nos. 1 and 3, and Nos. 4, 6, 9 12, and 17. The street was not listed in Pierssene's 1893-94 edition of The Western Australian Directory and, although it appeared in the 1895 edition, no street numbers were given.

The street was listed in Wise's Post Office Directories in 1897 and, although there were no street numbers included, Bernard R. Gallagher (who was listed the following year at No. 22), was included amongst the names on the right-hand side of the street. In 1910 and 1915, the place was occupied by Michael O'Donnell. There were 16 dwellings in the street in 1915 (eight of which were of weatherboard construction) and four vacant lots. This situation remained until at least 1953. The Directories show that Mrs Laura Jenkins was the resident of No. 22 in 1925, Ed Croker in 1935 and in 1949, the last year they were published, it was Mrs L.G. Duckett.

Aerial photographs of the property since the mid 20th century indicate that the form and extent of the original cottage has not changed significantly.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development Cultural Life: Domestic Life
Associations	
Sources	City of Vincent Municipal Heritage Inventory 1995 Landgate aerial photographs, 1954-2024

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



ARCHIVAL IMAGES

