

NEWCASTLE CLUB HOTEL (FMR), PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Newcastle Club Hotel (fmr)
Other names	Stanley Hotel Arcadia Hotel Underground Backpackers Malaysia Hall
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	2082
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	268 Newcastle St
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOT: 101 D/P: 99005
Vol/folio	2178/892
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	Considerable Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/authenticity.
Management category	Category 2 Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.
Statement of significance	<p>This place has aesthetic value as a fine example of a landmark Federation period hotel retaining much original detailing (parapets, pediments, leadlight and possibly the original staircases.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the economic boom and rapid increase in population in WA resulting from the Gold Boom in the late nineteenth century.</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	
Original use	Commercial: Hotel, Tavern or Inn
Current use	Commercial: Other (night club)
Other use	Residential: Institutional Housing

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1896; 1935; 1980s; 2000s
Walls	Brick Painted Brick Rendered Brick
Roof	Corrugated Metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Filigree Federation Free Classical
Physical description	<p>The place is a two storey building that is generally symmetrical about the corner, with an ornate corner truncation, arched pediment parapet, with side pediments in decorative Italianate above the continuous parapet.</p> <p>The upper floor windows are geometrically related to the ground floor openings, however the patterns of upper and level openings is not strictly symmetrical about the corner.</p> <p>A two storey verandah would have disguised the variation from a symmetrical arrangement. The ground floor windows and entrances are arched and have stucco surrounds. The walls have been rendered and painted.</p> <p>It is unusual for a hotel to have two street facades of equal size, illustrating that this was a major hotel development of its time. Nil setbacks on both streets. Verandah removal, internal modifications</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	Moderate

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Newcastle Club Hotel was built for the Stanley Co-operative Brewing Co. Ltd on Town Lot N42, on the corner of Lake Street. It is shown on the 1897 PWD sewerage plans. It is likely the architect was J.J. Talbot Hobbs who prepared plans for the Stanley Brewery in 1896 for a hotel in an un-designated location. Talbot Hobbs undertook several other commissions for the Stanley Brewery in this period.

The hotel was established at a time when the general area, south and north of Newcastle Street, was undergoing rapid residential and commercial development in the mid 1890s. In 1898, the publican of the hotel was John Quigley.

In 1903, when it was listed in the Wise's Post Office Directories for the first time, the licensee was Edward J. Williamson. Two years later (1905) it was Ernest Brumby and in 1910 it was Peter G. McNamara.

The Stanley Brewery became a separate corporate entity and changed their name to The Westralian Hotels Limited in 1926. They also purchased the Norwood Hotel in the early 1900s and later also owned and operated the Beaufort, George and Claredon hotels.

In 1915, the licensee of the subject place was W. E. Collins, in 1930 the licensee was Mrs Anni Lillis and in 1949, the last year of the Directories, it was George B. Hudson.

The building was originally constructed with a two-storey verandah, which, as with other early hotels, has been removed. This may have taken place in 1935 when alterations and additions were designed for owners H. F. Schruth by Hobbs, Forbes and Partners. A new brick shed was erected in 1944 by which time the owner was the Swan Brewery Company Limited. New male toilets were designed by Hobbs, Winning and Leighton in 1952.

In 1989 internal modifications were overseen by Co-Struct, to create The Underground nightclub. These changes included two news bars and extensions to the third and a new garden area. In more recent years, the hotel has traded as the Arcadia and was known by this name from at least 1995 to 1999.

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The Western Australian Boot Manufacturing Company purchased part of Lot N42 (Lots 1 to 4), Nos. 274-280 on Newcastle Street, beside the Newcastle Club Hotel in 1910. At that time it was the only one vacant block left along this portion of Newcastle Street. A single storey brick factory with 4,000 square feet (370 sq. m) of floor space was built on this block with a cellar at the rear. The factory produced heavy and medium weight footwear for men, women and children. The boot factory was extended to the rear of the lot by the 1920's and the adjoining vacant land at No. 117 Lake Street (Lots 5-9) was acquired.

A two-storey building was constructed on the new site and in the 1930s or 1940s, adjoining land on Lake Street was acquired and a two-storey building was constructed on the new site. The original single-storey boot factory at No. 274 Newcastle Street and the new two-storey building at 127 Lake Street formed an L-shape around on the Newcastle Club Hotel on the corner. The Newcastle Club Hotel has been attractively refurbished for use as a backpackers hostel, known as Underground Backpackers, which operated as a 'short term hostel' from the early 2000s. Several styles of accommodation are provided with communal laundry and kitchen facilities, a pool room and swimming pool, which is situated at the rear on the western boundary. As of 2014 the site has been owned by the Government of Malaysia and is open as a hostel to Malaysian students and tourists visiting Perth.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show the aforementioned refurbishment and addition of an extension matching the exterior aesthetic in the early 2000s. In 2016 the swimming pool was filled in and the rear courtyard has remained empty since then. There have been no other visible changes to the subject place.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	International Links Peopling WA: Demographic Development	
Associations	Stanley Co-operative Brewing Co. Ltd John Quigley Edward J Williamson Ernest Brumby Peter G. McNamara H. F. Schruth Hobbs, Forbes and Partners	Owner Publican Licensee Licensee Licensee Owner Architects
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



ARCHIVAL IMAGES



Newcastle Club Hotel, 1952. SLWA b2375678_1



Newcastle Club Hotel, 1952. SLWA b2375678_2



Newcastle Club Hotel, 1986. SWLA b6143997_6



Newcastle Club Hotel, 1986. SWLA b6143997_5