

# HOUSE, 18 MYRTLE ST, PERTH



INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 18 Myrtle St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	8730
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	18 Myrtle St
Locality	Perth
Survey	Lot 39 DP 376
Vol/folio	50/A/15
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<p><b>Some / 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 item.</p>
Management category	<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 original fabric should be retained wherever feasible.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>The place has interest as a simple expression of the Federation Bungalow style of workers cottage expressed in weatherboard and corrugated sheet metal.</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	
<b>Original use</b>	Residential: Single storey residence
<b>Current use</b>	Residential: Single storey residence
<b>Other use</b>	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
<b>Construction date</b>	1890s
<b>Walls</b>	Weatherboard
<b>Roof</b>	Corrugated metal sheeting
<b>Architectural Style</b>	Federation Bungalow
<b>Physical description</b>	<p>The single storey, double fronted rusticated weatherboard cottage with a bullnosed verandah and an awning over the window of the gabled projection.</p> <p>The bargeboard of the gable is decorative fretwork and the verandah and awning have a turned post frieze. The window under the verandah is double hung with two narrow side lights. The brick chimney is corbelled.</p> <p>The concrete verandah is a replacement from the likely original timber floorboards. It is accessed by steps from the small front yard which is divided by a small concrete path.</p>
<b>Condition</b>	Fair
<b>Integrity</b>	Moderate
<b>Authenticity</b>	Moderate

## 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.

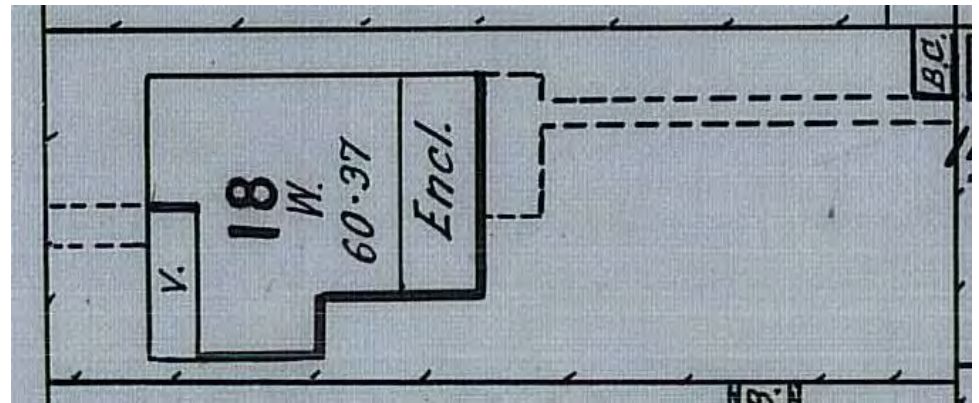
The 1890s gold rush changed the situation with the demand for housing for new settlers (attracted to WA by the rush), leading to several subdivisions in nearby areas. Although Myrtle Street was always a short, dead-end street running parallel to Bulwer, it was also close to Third Swamp, which would have 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. 18 Myrtle Street appeared on the 1897 PWD City & Suburbs sewerage plans (Sheet 8, 18.8.1897), together with its neighbours at Nos. 22 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. In the 1899 edition of Wise's Post Office Directories the houses were numbered for the first time but No. 18 was then allocated No. 22. The resident was listed as Bernard A. Gallagher who had been shown as living in the street since 1897. In 1902 it was Charles Bayman and then in 1910 it was Mrs Charles Bayman, and Mrs J. A. Bayman in 1915. There were 16 dwellings in the street in 1915 (eight of which were of weatherboard construction) and four vacant lots. In 1925 there were 17 residences occupied and one vacant. No. 18 was occupied by Les C. Mitchell. In 1935 it was still Mr Mitchell and in 1949, the last year of the Directories, it was Hugh Wauhup.

Aerial photographs of the property since the mid 20th century indicate that the form and extent of the original cottage has not changed significantly although the original red corrugated iron roof was replaced with zincalume in the late 1990s.

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

ARCHIVAL IMAGES



MWSS&DD Sheet 1522, 1953. SROWA.