

HOUSE, 180 PALMERSTON ST, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 180 Palmerston St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	18085
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	180 Palmerston St
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOT: 201 D/P: 31336
Vol/folio	1712/37
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 the Federation Bungalow style executed in brick and tile.</p> <p>The corner location of the place and its prominent tower make this a feature of 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 of a substantial residential building for affluent members of the community and 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: Single storey residence
Current use	Residential: Two storey residence
Other use	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	c1901; 1952-53
Walls	Rendered Brick
Roof	Terracotta Tile
Architectural Style	Federation Bungalow
Physical description	<p>The original single storey dwelling has a hipped tiled roof with a gable feature on the prominent wall. The main roof continues over the corner verandah. The verandah is supported by square timber posts and decorative brackets. The gable wall also features six casement windows and fanlights in a flat triangle shape. The windows on the front wall are a set of two double hung sashes . The original chimney is tall square roughcast with corbelled brick tops and clay pots.</p> <p>The double storey extension on the side has face brick and rendered sections of wall. The windows are in configurations of three, but are not consistent in detail. The belvedere is overbalanced off the side of the second storey extension roof. It has a hipped tiled roof and flat sheet balustrades</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Palmerston Street was named in 1858 after Lord Palmerston (1784-1807), Prime Minister of England. He was an exponent of liberal politics and gunboat diplomacy and was variously nicknamed, 'Lord Cupid' and 'Lord Pumicestone'. At the beginning of the 1890s there were few houses around as much of Perth was still scrubland. The 1890s gold rush brought a huge influx of prospectors to the State, many of whom became permanent settlers. This area's proximity to the City made it 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 Palmerston, Bulwer and Glendower Streets, was carried out in 1891 and the eastern end of the street block, which includes Lake Street was subdivided the following year (1892).

The attraction of this area improved considerably once Hyde Park (or Third Swamp as it was previously known) was firstly gazetted as a reserve and then redesigned as a park in 1898.

No. 180 Palmerston, a large residence on the corner of Palmerston and Glendower streets, began as a modest house on the second lot from the corner. It was first extended on the northern side onto the adjoining corner lot.

By 1952 a second storey had been added at the rear. A belvedere has also been added to take advantage of the views over Hyde Park. The MWSS & DD sewerage plan confirms the origins of the house, its original shape being clearly shown. The development was in keeping with its position overlooking Hyde Park.

The original residence does not appear on the 1900 PWD sewerage plans. However, Wise's Post Office Directories show that D. W. Harwood, Managing Director of the Perth Pneumatic Malting Co., was the occupant in 1903. Godfrey White was listed as the occupant and probably the owner of the place from at least 1915 to 1938 and in 1949 the resident was listed as H. Millman. According to the City of Perth building licence cards, J. Zeitlen was the owner of the subject place in 1951.

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In 1953, Mr Zeitlen constructed a brick and iron double garage (accessed from Glendower Street) and store plus a separate laundry and shower at the rear of the block. This replaced an existing wooden garage. In 1952 alterations and additions, which included rebuilding an existing sleep-out were carried out, plus the demolition of an existing lean-to.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate a pool was added to the backyard sometime in the early 2000s, but this appears to be the only significant change to the residence. The form and extent of the property appear unchanged since the photographs begin.

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development. Cultural Life: Domestic Life	
Associations	D. W. Harwood Godfrey White H. Millman J. Zeitlen	Occupant Occupant Occupant Owner and occupant
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

