

HOUSE, 82 PALMERSTON ST, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	House, 82 Palmerston St
Other names	Nantawarra Beechwood House
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	27260
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 25 Jul 2023

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	82 Palmerston St
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOT: 42 D/P: 1598
Vol/folio	1734/967
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 is a good and intact example of the Federation Queen Anne style of residence applied to a generous family home which is a landmark in 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 has historic value for its association with Herbert Hocking, property owner and successful business man who made a significant contribution to the community through his charity work.</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: Single Storey Residence
Other use	Residential: Institutional Housing

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	c1890s
Walls	Brick
Roof	Corrugated metal sheeting
Architectural Style	Federation Queen Anne
Physical description	<p>This place is not visible from the street however a description from an earlier assessment describes it as follows.</p> <p>A single storey rendered brick residence with a corrugated steel hip and gable roof designed in the Federation Queen Anne Style of Architecture. Constructed in 1901, the building has undergone several physical changes that have altered its original appearance and style. The residence is located across two lots and enclosed to the front boundary by a high rendered masonry fence with steel gates. The extent of the boundary fence is covered by an ivy hedge. The residence is set back from the front boundary and has a substantial front yard extending along the south of the building. The front yard predominately consists of lawn with some cobblestone paving to the west and several mature trees. The residence has a hip and gable roof clad with galvanised corrugated steel sheets. The roof features a two decorative face brick and rendered chimneys. The gables extend over projecting bays and have simply detailed gable ends. A bullnose return verandah extends along the western and southern façades of the house. The verandah is supported by turned timber posts and has a raised timber deck.</p> <p>The external walls are rendered and painted a light grey tone. The front timber door has glazed sidelights and a highlight. A set of French doors are located along the south elevation opening on to the verandah. The projecting bays feature a set of timber framed casement windows with a fixed central glazed panel. Two double hung windows are located along the southern façade. The rear of the house features a two-storey addition with large glazed windows to the eastern façade.</p>

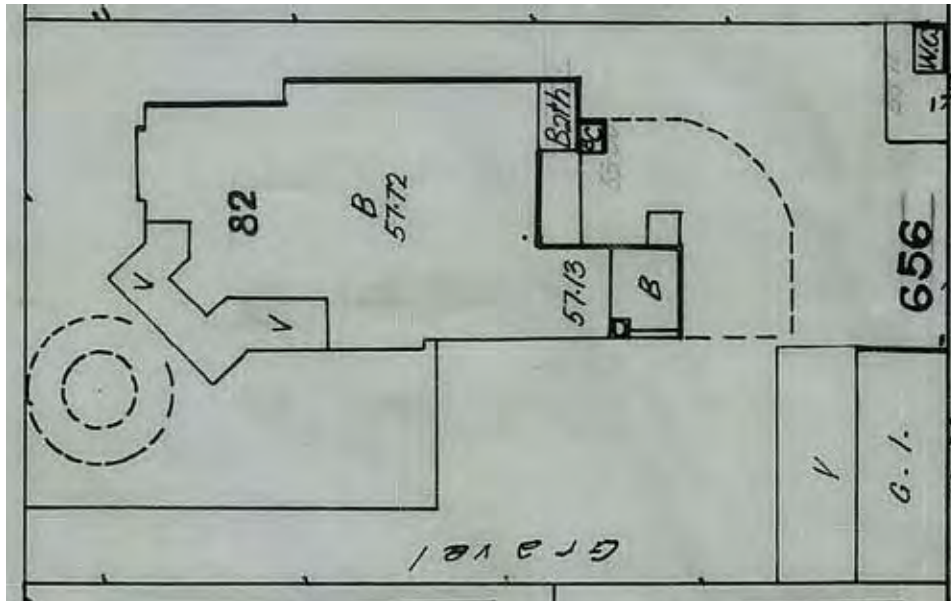
CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
<p>From the readily available information this generous residence was built c1903 and soon after occupied by Herbet Hocking (1850-1932) and his wife Eliza Smilie Ryder (1855-1917) and their eight surviving children. The couple had married in 1876 in South Australia and settled in Western Australia in the late 1890s. Herbert Hocking and his brothers had success as newspaper owners in Kalgoorlie before Herbert Hocking settled in Perth, firstly in St Georges Tce. Herbert Hocking became a successful trader on the stock exchange and largely dedicated his later years to charity and community work through several organisations and as a member of the Wanneroo Road Board.</p> <p>The architect or builder of this place have not been determined. The name of the house 'Nantawarra' originates with location in South Australia where Herbert Hocking had farmed before settling in Western Australia.</p> <p>Following his death in 1932, the property was occupied by his family members and subsequently owned by Vittorina Da Re (c1905-1998).</p> <p>Ariel photographs from the mid 20th century show that the place was clad with green corrugated sheeting before being reclad in the 1990s when an addition was made to the rear and a new curved extension was added to the front verandah.</p>	
Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development Cultural Life: Domestic Life
Associations	Herbert Hocking and family Owners and occupiers
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2023

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



ARCHIVAL IMAGES



Sewerage Plan 1953. Courtesy SROWA Sheet 90.