

# SHOPS, 452-460 WILLIAM STREET, PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Shops, 452-460 William Street
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	3485
State Heritage Register:	12 Nov 2004
Other Listing:	Classified by the National Trust Classified 01 Nov 1993 Register of the National Estate Interim 23 Apr 1991 Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	427-429 William St
Locality	Perth
Survey	LOTS: 1- 12 STR: 56930
Vol/folio	Various
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<b>Exceptional</b> Essential to the heritage of the area. Rare or outstanding example. Consider for nomination for State Register of Heritage Places if not already included.
Management category	<b>Category 1</b> The place should be retained and conserved. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and be in accordance with a Conservation Plan if one is in place.
Statement of significance	<p>The place is a significant landmark at the intersection of William and Brisbane Streets and is a recognised landmark at the northern entry to the commercial area of Northbridge</p> <p>The place is a good and intact example of a two-storey terrace of shops and dwellings designed in an idiosyncratic rendering of the Federation Free Classical style</p> <p>The place was designed by well-known Architect Jack Ochiltree and built for Dr Daniel Kenny, a prominent doctor in Western Australia in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century and a renowned investor and speculator in real estate.</p> <p>The place is representative of a form of building where retailers lived over their premises, a practice once common in Western Australia during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.</p>

PLACE USE	
<b>Original use</b>	Commercial: shop/retail Residential: Two storey residence
<b>Current use</b>	Commercial: Shop/ Retail
<b>Other use</b>	
CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
<b>Construction date</b>	1914
<b>Walls</b>	Brick
<b>Roof</b>	Corrugated Metal sheeting
<b>Architectural Style</b>	Federation Free Classical
<b>Physical description</b>	<p>The two storey corner building with principal facades to both William and Brisbane Streets, with ground floor shops and upper level residences, is a landmark structure on a prominent location.</p> <p>The ground floor shop fronts are shaded by a cantilevered awing, while the upper level vigorously modelled brick and stucco façade has a high parapet and ornate stucco decoration. The parapet steps down along William Street, and features circular and hanging festoons in the alternate triangular and curved pediments and ball finials. The corner facade has three rows of heavy stucco bands.</p> <p>The windows also have stucco bands. The shopfronts and cantilever canopies also step down along William Street from Brisbane Street.</p>
<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Integrity</b>	High
<b>Authenticity</b>	High

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The two-storey building at 452-460 William Street was built in 1915 on part of Lot Y104. The building had shops on the ground floor with residences above for the shop tenants and their families. The place was built for Mary Kenny, wife of Dr Daniel Kenny (1860-1914) who was a significant property investor in the Perth metropolitan area in the first decades of the 20th century.

The place was designed by architect designed by architect Jack Learmonth Ochiltree and initially the contractor was designated as J. Lake. When the building licence was submitted the contractors were Clark and Fergus with costs estimated to be £3568.

The five shops were first occupied by Jack Pope, hairdresser and tobacconist (No 450), Mrs J. L. Pitt, draper (No 452), Champion Boot & Shoe Manufacturing Co, managed by Sam Lechovsky (No 454), Joshua Loong Choong, fruiterer (No 456), and, Lance & Co, chemist, proprietor F. W. Chegwidden (No 458).

In 1930, the property was transferred to Kathleen Mary Kenny and her daughter Geraldine Lukin. In 1936, a building application was approved for the construction of eight brick flats to the south of the building. This was a separate construction to the original building.

The practice of shop proprietors living in residential accommodation attached to their business premises declined through the 1950s, and had almost ceased by the 1970s. In 1971, when the place was purchased by the Yozzi family, the first floor above each shop was no longer in use as residential accommodation, and was being utilised as storage space for the most part. This usage has continued through the remainder of the twentieth century and into the twenty-first century.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate that the form and extent of the building has changed little since that time.

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<b>Sources</b>	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006. Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. P3485 Shops, 452-460 William St Assessment Documentation, DPLH, 2004.																		

### ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

