

# HOUSE, 67 CLEAVER ST, WEST PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
<b>Place name</b>	House, 67 Cleaver St
<b>Other names</b>	Rosewood Florence Hummerston Lodge
<b>Place type</b>	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
<b>inHerit ID:</b>	17990
<b>State Heritage Register:</b>	
<b>Other Listing:</b>	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
<b>Street address</b>	67 Cleaver St
<b>Locality</b>	West Perth
<b>Survey</b>	LOT: 9 D/P: 37143
<b>Vol/folio</b>	242/155A
<b>Reserve</b>	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
<b>Level of significance</b>	<b>Considerable</b> Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/authenticity.
<b>Management category</b>	<b>Category 2</b> Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.
<b>Statement of significance</b>	<p>This place is a fine and intact example of the Federation Filigree style executed in brick with timber detail. It is a landmark in the streetscape despite the encroachment of later additions.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with development west of the city in the early 20th century.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with John Henry Prowse who served as Lord Mayor of Perth and was a member of the Federal parliament from 1913 to 1943.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with Florence Hummerston and the League of Home Help for Sick &amp; Aged (inc) and its subsequent organisations from the mid 20th century predominantly 'Meals on Wheels' and aged care provider, Rosewood.</p> <p>The place has social value for its association with the services to community since the mid 20th century and is now incorporated into an aged care facility.</p>

### PLACE USE

<b>Original use</b>	Residence: Single storey residence
<b>Current use</b>	Health: Housing or Quarters
<b>Other use</b>	Health: Office

### CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

<b>Construction date</b>	1910-1914; 2021
<b>Walls</b>	Brick
<b>Roof</b>	Corrugated metal sheeting
<b>Architectural Style</b>	Federation Filigree / Federation Queen Anne
<b>Physical description</b>	The single storey two room frontage dwelling has a hipped roof with a prominent and decorative flying front gable, which is bracketed from the wall below and richly detailed with scalloped timber and fretwork in addition to stucco motifs on the roughcast. The verandah is supported by turned timber posts and has a decorative valance and brackets. The entry is marked by an arched entry portico that is detailed similarly to the flying gable. The walls are brick with rendered bands at sill and head height of windows. One side wall has been rendered to a height of approximately 0.900 metres. The chimneys are roughcast and render with a moulded corbelled detail and single pots.
<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Integrity</b>	Moderate
<b>Authenticity</b>	Moderate

### HISTORICAL INFORMATION

From 1901 to 1904 Cleaver Street was known as Smith Street and then in 1904 reverted back to its original name. No. 67 Cleaver Street was built between 1910 and 1914 for John Henry Prowse (1871-1944), manager of the United Insurance Company. It is not clear if there was a residence on this site when Prowse purchased the property because in December 1909, architect William Nelson called for tenders for additions to the residence in Cleaver Street for John Prowse. It is likely the additions were substantial as there is no entry of a residence on this site in the Post Office Directories until occupied in 1911 by John Prowse and his wife Edith Jane McNeilance (1868-1939). In 1913, during the time he occupied this house, John Prowse served as the Lord Mayor of Perth and later that year elected to the Federal Parliament where he served until his resignation in 1943. John Prowse's daughter Edith, married Charles Veryard in 1921 who also served as Lord Mayor of Perth.

Later occupants were the Styles, Iddon, and Tormey families. Mr Tormey worked for the West Australian Railways and during his residence the place was known as 'Tormey House'.

The residence is shown as No. 69 on the MWSSDD sewerage plan - a large house on a double block. It is reputed to have had a large oval lawn, a rose garden and blue Plumbago hedge. In 1949 the resident at No. 61 was George A. James and the occupant of No. 67 Charles J. Price. The League of Home Help for Sick & Aged (inc) was founded in 1953 and Mrs Florence Hummerston was one of the organisers and its foundation president. Mrs Hummerston was also one of the founders of Meals on Wheels the following year. She became a Perth City Councillor and was Perth's first female Councillor. In 1960 she was awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire).

No. 67 was purchased by the League in 1956 and after extensive alterations it became the headquarters. It was officially opened on 23 August 1957 by WA Premier A.R.G Hawke and part of the building became a centre for the Meals on Wheels Community Service. In January 1963, the group purchased No. 61 for a home for elderly men and in September that year No. 71 was added as a home for elderly women.

In 1965 extensions were made to the kitchen for Meals on Wheels, the meals being delivered daily to the suburban centres. No. 73 was purchased by the League in 1968 and alterations made to provide a home for the frail aged. On 22 May 1969 this was opened by Perth's Lord Mayor, Tom Wardle as the Florence Hummerston Lodge.

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Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century show the changes to the subject site, starting in the 1960s, where four separate buildings can be seen across the block. By 1970 extensions have been added linking up several of the buildings and by 1981 an additional building was added to the southern side of the site. Renovations began again in the early 2000s to the northernmost building, with only one of the initial four buildings remaining as it was in the 1960s in the middle of the site. This middle building, the Florence Hummerston Lodge, became the only part of the site left standing in 2018 when all other buildings on the site were demolished.

By 2021, the Lodge was accompanied by the significant modern structure that stands currently and functions as an aged care facility with Rosewood Care. The Lodge itself changed little during this time.

<b>Historic theme</b>	Cultural Life: Domestic Life Peopling WA: Demographic Development	
<b>Associations</b>	William Nelson John Henry Prowse, MHR Florence Hummerston	Architect Owner and occupier City of Perth Councillor
<b>Sources</b>	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006. Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

