

# RESIDENCE, 5 BYRON ST, LEEDERVILLE



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Residence, 5 Byron St
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	17980
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 03 Apr 2007

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	5 Byron St
Locality	Leederville
Survey	LOT: 40 D/P: 1210
Vol/folio	1346/519
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<p><b>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 place.</p>
Management category	<p><b>Category 3</b></p> <p>Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>This place has aesthetic value as a good intact example of the Federation Bungalow style executed in brick.</p> <p>The place reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the city fringes during the early years of the twentieth century.</p> <p>The place 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	

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
<b>Construction date</b>	c1915
<b>Walls</b>	Brick
<b>Roof</b>	Corrugated metal sheeting
<b>Architectural Style</b>	Federation Bungalow
<b>Physical description</b>	<p>The dwelling has a two room frontage with the northern room projecting to the street. The front projecting room features a faceted bay with three double hung sash windows and a gable detailed in rough cast with battens and broad batten lined eaves. The roof of the dwelling is predominately hipped. A tall face brick chimney with one terracotta pot is located on the northern elevation of the dwelling. A rendered chimney with double terracotta pots is located on the southern elevation of the roof.</p> <p>The façade of the dwelling is face brick with a single thin rendered band at plinth and sill height and a decorative rendered section above the window height on the front protruding room.</p> <p>The dwelling has a bull nose verandah held up by turned timber posts with an arched valance featuring vertical balusters.</p> <p>The dwelling is delineated from the street by a brick pillar and palisade fence. The front yard is brick paved with small trees and shrubs. Parking is to the northern portion of the dwelling.</p>
<b>Condition</b>	Good
<b>Integrity</b>	High
<b>Authenticity</b>	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION	
<b>Historic theme</b>	Cultural Life: Domestic Life Peopling WA: Demographic Development
<b>Associations</b>	
<b>Sources</b>	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Byron Street was named after English romantic poet, Alfred Gordon Byron, 6th Baron Byron of Rochdale (1788 - 1824), along with nearby Tennyson St after Alfred, Lord Tennyson. Byron Street is part of the Leederville North subdivision, a section of the larger Leeder estate, which was named after William Leeder, an early settler who built a home on the south-eastern corner of Lake Monger. Leeder also owned the Leeder Hotel in Perth (established prior to 1838) and leased out his Lake Monger land, some 288 acres, which was used for market gardening and dairy farming.

The Leederville Road District, also named after Leeder, was formed in May 1895 and the following year it became a municipality. The Leeder Estate was subdivided from 1890 onwards and the Byron Street section was part of the third subdivision.

The construction of a tramway network began in Perth in December 1897 and by 1900 trams along Oxford Street as far as Anzac Road. The existence of accessible public transport was an important consideration for those purchasing blocks. Sale of the 80 lots along Shakespeare, Byron, Lonsdale (Loftus) and Marian Streets were offered by Mr Jesse D. Leeder and Mr James S. Bennett, whose office was on the west side of Oxford Street in the section between Bouverie Place and Britannia Road. Despite the size and depth of the blocks, this subdivision had no back lanes, which were between two and ten acres. The Wise's Post Office Directories first listing of a house along Byron Street was in 1905, with a Mr Harry Gibson in residence. By 1907 there were four listings along the street.

The first listing of dwellings located on the western side of the street from Tennyson Street is in 1915 with a Percival Brennan in residence at No. 5 until 1920.

Throughout the 1920's and first part of the 1930's there was a high turnover of occupancy with a Mrs H. Mann residing at the dwelling in 1925, Mrs Janette Welland in 1926, Mr Ernest Hesty from 1929 to 1930, Mr Albert Cousens from 1931 to 1932 and Mr Robert Kennett in 1933 and 1934. Mr Robert Nelson remained in residence at No. 5 Byron Street from 1935 until 1940. In 1941 a Mr James Orton occupied the dwelling and he remained in residence until at least 1949 when the Wise Post Office Directories ceased.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards indicate that the form and extent of the residence have changed little since that time. The back verandah area had a variety of changes to roofing but there was no visual indication that the building itself had any renovation from the aerial view.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS

