

NORTH PERTH POST OFFICE (FMR), NORTH PERTH



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	North Perth Post Office (fmr)
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	2215
State Heritage Register:	11 Dec 1998
Other Listing:	Classified by the National Trust Classified 28 Aug 199 Art Deco Significant Bldg Survey Completed 30 Jun 1994 Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	21a View St
Locality	North Perth
Survey	LOT: 25 D/P: 2422
Vol/folio	1649/492
Reserve	—

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	Exceptional 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	Category 1 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 occupies a prominent street corner and is an important part of the North Perth townscape</p> <p>The place is a good example of a small scale public building built in the Federation Free style.</p> <p>The place contributes to an understanding of the development of the suburbs north of the railway (North Perth).</p> <p>The place represents the introduction of the official purpose built Post Office in North Perth in 1916, and has had a continuous presence since that time.</p> <p>The place contributes to the community's sense of history for its longevity in the streetscape as prominent element and for its continuity of function.</p>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Transport/Communications: Communications - Post Office
Current use	Commercial: Other
Other use	Transport/Communications: Communications -Offices

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1916; 1996
Walls	Brick
Roof	Terracotta tile
Architectural Style	Federation Free Style
Physical description	<p>The building comprises the former Post Office fronting View Street, and attached postmaster's residence fronting Leake Street. The View Street facade is of a modest hipped roofed red-brick building with banded pilasters, rendered lintols between pilasters and multi-paned sash windows with stucco surrounds.</p> <p>The formal clarity of the Post Office is diminished by the attached residence which utilises the same materials and elements.</p> <p>On the south-west corner of the intersection of View and Leake Streets, and adjacent to the North Perth Town Hall, former North Perth Fire Station, St Hilda's Anglican Church and North Perth Primary School. Minimal modifications.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	Moderate
Authenticity	Moderate

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

In May 1905, architect Michael Cavanagh agreed to sell a block of land in North Perth to the Post Master General's Department for the site of a post office. The land was situated on the corner of View and Leake Streets.

The Post Office was not built immediately, and post office agencies were established in local shops as the population grew. There was an Allowance Post and Telegraph Office in Mrs Rome's shop at 491 Beaufort Street, and at shops at 21 Angove Street and 90 Grosvenor Road. A branch Post Office was established on the corner of Alma and Fitzgerald streets in 1912, and the instruments and cables were removed from the Angove Street agency and reconnected at the Alma Street branch.

As the suburb grew, the horse mail service was replaced with bicycle deliveries. Finally, in 1916, the North Perth Post Office and residence was constructed. It was designed by PWD architect Hillson Beasley, who continued the style of previous PWD post office architects, George Temple Poole and J. H. Grainger. The new building cost £1,720.

In the late 1970s, Fitzgerald Street developed as the new shopping centre of North Perth, and patronage of the North Perth Post Office gradually decreased. A new post office was built on the corner of View and Fitzgerald Street in 1996, and North Perth Post Office was renovated to provide office accommodation for the administration department of the Central Business District and Northern Suburbs postal services.

Since that time the place has been transferred to private owners and is used for commercial functions. In 2024, a café and hair salon.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Infrastructure: Transport and Communications Economy: Commerce	
Associations	Hillson Beasley	Architect
Sources	P2215 North Perth Post Office (fmr)Assessment Documentation, DPLH, 1998. Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.	

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



ARCHIVAL IMAGES



North Perth Post Office, 1942. NAA K1209



North Perth Post Office, 1924. NAA K1209