



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES - ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION

## 11. ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The criteria adopted by the Heritage Council in November, 1996 have been used to determine the cultural heritage significance of the place.

### 11.1 AESTHETIC VALUE\*

A 'grand' building in size and proportion, *Shenton House* demonstrates the development of Western Australian domestic style and construction throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries. The single-storey verandahs are important to the scale of the building and help to unify the different stages of development. (Criterion 1.1)

### 11.2. HISTORIC VALUE

The place is associated with the early development of Perth and the development of Western Australia's first university, the first 'free university' in the British Empire. (Criterion 2.2)

The place is associated with Henry Charles Sutherland, a surveyor who became Clerk to the Colonial Treasurer, then Secretary to the Executive and Legislative Councils, and later Collector of Inland Revenue and Colonial Treasurer. *Shenton House* also has a close association with Sir George Shenton, a prominent figure in the early gold boom phase of Western Australia's development. (Criterion 2.3)

The place is associated with many prominent engineers who did their training at the University of Western Australia. *Shenton House* housed the Faculty of Engineering, from 1914 to 1960. (Criterion 2.3)

### 11.3. SCIENTIFIC VALUE

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### 11.4. SOCIAL VALUE

The place is held in high esteem by descendents of the original owners, Sutherland and Shenton. (Criterion 4.1)

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\* For consistency, all references to architectural style are taken from Apperly, R., Irving, R., Reynolds, P., *A Pictorial Guide to Identifying Australian Architecture: Styles and Terms from 1788 to the Present* Angus & Robertson, North Ryde, 1989.

*Shenton House* has been part of the University of Western Australia since 1914, and as the oldest building on the Campus, it is held in very high regard for its associations with the development of the University, and its contribution to a sense of place on the Campus at Crawley. (Criterion 4.2)

## **12. DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE**

### **12. 1. RARITY**

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### **12. 2 REPRESENTATIVENESS**

*Shenton House* is representative of large family homes associated with early settlement farms.

### **12. 3 CONDITION**

*Shenton House* is in a sound condition and continues to be well maintained.

### **12. 4 INTEGRITY**

The place has a high degree of integrity. The architectural composition, scale and planning still demonstrate the original domestic function, although some of the detail is confused by alterations to fit it out for University use.

### **12. 5 AUTHENTICITY**

The place has a moderate degree of authenticity.

### **13. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE**

Attached are key sections of the supporting evidence prepared by Campbell, R. McK. and van Bremen, I. 'Shenton House, Crawley Conservation Plan' (prepared for the University of Western Australia, May 1996, revised May 1997).

#### **13.1 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE**

For a discussion of the documentary evidence refer to Campbell, R. McK. and van Bremen, I. 'Shenton House, Crawley Conservation Plan' (prepared for the University of Western Australia, May 1996, revised May 1997).

#### **13.2 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

For a discussion of the physical evidence refer to Campbell, R. McK. and van Bremen, I. 'Shenton House, Crawley Conservation Plan' (prepared for the University of Western Australia, May 1996, revised May 1997).

#### **13.3 REFERENCES**

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#### **13.4 FURTHER RESEARCH**

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