HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 0468

2. NAME *Homeswest Building* (1929,1950,1961)
FORMER NAMES Bank Of New South Wales
Main Roads Office

3. LOCATION 30 Robinson Street, Cnr Stuart Street, Carnarvon

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY
Portion of Carnarvon Town Lot 195, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1657 Folio 409.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Carnarvon

6. OWNER The State Housing Commission.

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	01/10/1999
	Permanent Entry	07/01/2000
• National Trust Classification:		----------
• Town Planning Scheme:		----------
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	24/01/1996
• Register of the National Estate:		----------

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

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9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

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10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Homeswest Building, a single storey Inter-War Free Classical style building constructed of masonry (concrete block) walls with a timber roof frame for metal roof sheeting, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place has considerable aesthetic value, and is a representative example of a commercial office building built in the Inter-War period, which has been adapted to the needs of the people who worked/lived in the building;

the place has landmark quality due to its prominent location on the corner of Robinson, Stuart and Francis Streets. As part of the vista

toward the War Memorial and Civic Area on Francis Street, the place is a distinctive element of the streetscape and makes a positive contribution to the character of the town;

the place has been associated with the Bank of New South Wales (1928 to 1942), Main Roads (1950 to 1985), and Homeswest (1985 to 1999);

situated on a prominent corner site in the centre of town, the place has provided a significant presence since 1928, contributing to the local community's sense of place; and,

the place was designed by architect J. J. Talbot Hobbs, and his partners, E. H. Dean-Smith & W. J. Waldie Forbes, who were also responsible for the ANZ Bank, Carnarvon (1905), as well as other bank buildings throughout the State.

The current office fitout is of little cultural heritage significance.