



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES – Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01861
2. **NAME** *ANZ Bank, Northam* (1906, 1974, 1987)
FORMER NAME Union Bank
3. **LOCATION** 133 Fitzgerald Street, Northam
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 15 and part Lot 16 on Plan 2223 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1588 Folio 879.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of Northam
6. **OWNER** Central Area Region Training Scheme Incorporated
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Permanent Entry 18/01/2008
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 25-02-1998
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

ANZ Bank, Northam, a two-storey rendered brick and tile building constructed in Federation Free Classical style for the Union Bank of Australia in 1906, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the building has a significant presence in the streetscape due to its location, style and scale, and its fine stylistic design detail;

the place is the oldest operating bank building in Northam having housed banking functions from 1906 to the present (2006);

the place is closely associated with the financial life of Northam and surrounding farming districts, having been purpose built for the bank's predecessor, the Union Bank;

the place is a good and typical example of the type of two-storey rural bank building designed by prominent architectural firm Hobbs, Smith & Forbes in the early 1900s; and,

the place is a good representative example of a bank building constructed in a rural town of some importance.

The canopy, entry and 1987 extensions are aesthetically intrusive to the original 1906 building.