



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2176
2. **NAME** *Edward Millen Home (fmr)* (1912; 1921-22; 1936; 1968; 1983)
 

OTHER NAMES Rotunda Maternity Hospital; Hillview Clinic; Mildred Creak Centre
3. **LOCATION** 999 Albany Highway, East Victoria Park
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Lot 5 on Diagram 65739, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1680 Folio 589.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of Victoria Park
6. **OWNER** The Crown.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 13/ 03/ 1992  
Permanent Entry 29/ 06/ 1999
  - National Trust Classification: Classified 01/ 09/ 1980
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: -----
  - Register of the National Estate: Permanent 28/ 09/ 1982
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Edward Millen Home (fmr)*, a complex of hospital buildings comprising the former Rotunda Hospital (1912), a brick and tile building in the Federation Queen Anne style, fumatory building (1921) and former ward block (1921; 1936), set in landscaped grounds, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
 

the place has aesthetic value due to the relationships between the former Rotunda Hospital and former ward block and their formal landscaped setting, including the formal, tree-lined approach;

through an understanding of the buildings and landscape elements, the place has the potential to illustrate various aspects of the development of health care in Western Australia from 1912 to 1997; the place makes a contribution to the sense of place of those who have had associations with the place as a maternity hospital, sanatorium, psychiatric clinic and centre for autism;

the quality of the architectural detailing retained in the former Rotunda Hospital and in the former ward block is of value; the former Rotunda Hospital is of aesthetic value as a fine example of Federation Queen Anne architecture, displaying internal and external detailing. It has landmark quality within in the site; the Rotunda Hospital, established by midwife Elizabeth Baillie in 1912, provided women with an alternative to home birth. The Rotunda Hospital was established four years before King Edward Memorial Hospital, Western Australia's first public hospital for women;

the site has value to the local community for the social amenity the park provides; the Rotunda Hospital is a rare example of a hospital built in a residential style, located close to the city on a large site which has generally retained its original building and landscape qualities; and, the place is representative of the type of rehabilitative care provided for ex-servicemen and tuberculosis in Western Australia. Due to the extent of original fabric remaining, the place is more authentic than other sites of a similar nature.

The Hillview Clinic (1968) and W E Robinson units (1983) were established to cater for the treatment and care of autistic children. These buildings contribute to understanding the development of the place as a health care site.