



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 1871
2. NAME *Commonwealth Bank* (1934, 1951-52)
3. LOCATION 181-183 Fitzgerald Street, Northam
4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY
Portion of each of Northam Town Lots 111 and 112, being the subject of Diagram 13873 and being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1106 Folio 152.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Town of Northam
6. OWNER Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia
7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	08/10/1996
	Permanent Entry	07/02/1997
• National Trust Classification:		05/05/1980
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Register of National Estate:		-----
8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Commonwealth Bank, a two-storey, Inter War Stripped Classical style, commercial building, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place has a strongly modelled facade and an overwhelming vertical scale which ensures an imposing presence in the streetscape;

the place is significant for its association with the Commonwealth Government's programme to create employment during the depression years of the 1930s;

the place is a fine example of a transitional style of architecture applied to a rural branch of the Commonwealth Bank; and, representative of the sturdy architectural style adopted by the Commonwealth Bank to symbolise the stability of the institution.

The garage contributes little to the significance of the place.