



HERITAGE  
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# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

**1. DATA BASE No.** 1330

**2. NAME** *W. D. & H. O. Wills Warehouse (fmr) (1927)*

**3. LOCATION** 464 - 468 Murray Street, Perth

**4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**

Portion of Perth Town Lot V38, being part of the land on Diagram 2922 and being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1571 Folio 892.

**5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth

**6. OWNER** Fini Group Pty Ltd, SPB Developments Pty Ltd, Crosscut Pty Ltd and Fernan Pty Ltd.

**7. HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	07/01/2000
• National Trust Classification:	Permanent Entry	30/05/2000
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of the National Estate:		-----

**8. CONSERVATION ORDER**

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**9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

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**10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*W. D. & H. O. Wills Warehouse (fmr)*, is a three storey reinforced concrete, brick and steel structure in the Interwar Chicagoesque style and has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is one of the very few extant examples illustrating the full range of features of the Interwar Chicagoesque style in Perth;

the place contributes to the streetscape in its prominent position at the intersection Murray and Milligan Streets, with the rounded facade above the main entrance hinging the two facades and complementing the intersection of the streets;

the place was one of two buildings in Perth to be configured with suspended concrete floor slabs and has rarity value in its innovative

use of reinforced concrete and 'mushroom' columns to save building height by the elimination of beams; and,

the place is important for the fine articulation of the Interwar Chicagoesque facades facing Murray Street and Milligan Street, expressed in the balance between the projecting vertical members and the horizontal bands and the further refinement of the window glazing squares and circles;

The following elements are considered intrusive:

the painting of the facade a uniform colour, including the window glass, and the painting of signs etc, all of which detract from the aesthetic qualities of the place;

the SECWA substation; and,

the interior partitions and ramps and the toilet fittings in the warehouse areas, apart from the lift well and stair well at the south-east corner.

The SECWA sub station at the north-west corner of the site and the fences and gates around the north, east and west boundaries of the rear yard are not included in the assessment.