



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Register Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 02164
2. **NAME** *East Perth Cemeteries (1829)*  
**FORMER NAMES** East Perth Cemetery, East Perth Cemetery & St Bartholomew's Church
3. **LOCATION** Cnr Plain and Bronte Streets, 2 Bronte Street and 200 Wickham Street, East Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Lot 767 on Deposited Plan 163183 being Reserve 34768 and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume LR3062 Folio 575  
Lot 1091 on Deposited Plan 193327 being Reserve 21054 and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume LR3109 Folio 919  
Lot 1093 on Diagram 90897 being Reserve 45144 and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume LR3069 Folio 111  
Lot 1090 on Deposited Plan 193327 being Reserve 25631 and the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume LR3109 Folio 918
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER AT REGISTRATION**  
State of Western Australia (Responsible Agency: Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage)  
As to Lots 767, 1091 and 1093 Management Order to the National Trust of Australia (WA)  
As to Lot 1090 Management Order to the City of Perth
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim	06/03/1992
	Registered	23/04/2020
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	06/08/1973
• Town Planning Scheme:	Yes	20/12/1992
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted (Cat. 1)	13/03/2001
• Register of the National Estate:	Permanent	21/03/1978
• Aboriginal Sites Register	-----	-----

**8. ORDERS UNDER SECTION OF THE ACT**

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**9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

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**10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*East Perth Cemeteries*, a group of colonial cemeteries divided into denominational sections, a brick and shingle church in the Victorian Gothic style (1871; 1976), a Belfry (1889; 1995), remnant flora from the former Banksia-Jarrah open woodland, and some original plantings of mature trees dating from the 1890s, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is rare as a group of intact colonial cemeteries located within the central business district of an Australian capital city;

the place has important associations with early colonial settlers from the 1830s to the 1890s, including government administrators, well-known families, religious leaders and other prominent people involved in the development of colonial Perth;

the place contains a wide range of memorials, which reflect the traditions, and trends of different religious denominations until the late nineteenth century, including particularly fine examples that demonstrate the skill, artistry and craftsmanship of their time;

the place has the potential to yield information, through archaeological investigation, relating to the population of the State, such as life expectancy, family size, religious affiliation, ethnicity, and genealogy;

St Bartholomew's Church is the only example of a mortuary chapel constructed in Western Australia, which was later converted for use as a parish church;

the place contributes to the community's sense of place as a tangible reminder of the contribution of early settlers to the development of Perth; and,

the place has landmark quality on a hill top site, and its dry, 'rural style' landscape setting offers an experience of isolation and tranquillity that is unique in an area now surrounded by urban development.

Areas, elements and features of little significance include; the cyclone mesh fencing, pillars and gates; Golden Pencil Pines (planted c.1999), and the polished timber chair and prayer desk (both originally from St Georges' Cathedral). The 'entry feature' park on Reserve 25631 is considered intrusive. New plaques including those associated with graves and other non-cemetery memorials, while still part of the practice of memorialisation are of little significance as they are from a much later time period.