



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2023
2. **NAME** *18 & 20 Howard Street* (1905)
FORMER NAME Traders Building
3. **LOCATION** 18, 20 Howard Street
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
That part of Lot 11 on Diagram 67595, being part of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2025 Folio 787 as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 2023 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing and Cruickshank Pty. Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER** Woh Hup (Australia) Pty Ltd.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	01/04/1999
	Permanent Entry	02/07/1999
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	04/05/1981
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:		-----
• Register of the National Estate:	Permanent	25/03/1986
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
18 & 20 Howard Street are two, three-storey (20 Howard Street) and two-storey (18 Howard Street) commercial buildings, with basements in the Federation Free style, and Federation Gothic style respectively, constructed in 1905 for Haynes, Robinson & Cox, Solicitors. has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is exceptional as examples of the Federation Free and Federation Gothic styles;

the place exhibits the contrasting aesthetic characteristics of the Federation Free and Federation Gothic styles, employing rubbed

brick and stucco at 18 Howard Street, which contrasts with the softness of the Donnybrook Sandstone employed at 20 Howard Street. Despite their contrasting aesthetics, the buildings fit comfortably together;

the interior of 20 Howard Street from the ground floor entrance, through to the main stair and including the whole of the first floor interior is of a very high order of design and craftsmanship;

the place is significant in the development of commercial office buildings in the area of Howard Street and St. Georges Terrace in the latter years of the Gold Boom and the first decade of the twentieth century, and in the notable concentration of many of Perth's leading law firms in chambers in the Howard Street area from the early twentieth century;

the place has strong associations with the owners, the legal firm of Haynes Robinson & Cox. The firm's principal, Robert Thomson Robinson, was a public figure in Western Australia. The place was designed by architect, Charles Oldham. Oldham carried out a number of commissions for Robinson, including buildings in Mount Lawley, when Robinson and his partner, Samuel Copley, developed the suburb; and,

the place has rarity value as 20 Howard Street is one of a small number of commercial buildings to have been built in the Federation Gothic style in Western Australia.

The internal and external treatments of the eastern wall where the building line was established following the 1984 works are of little cultural heritage significance.