

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 4282

2. NAME Highgate Hill Police Station, Lockup & Quarters (fmr)

(1897; 1906; 1916)

3. LOCATION 57 Lincoln Street, cnr Smith Street, Highgate

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY

Perth Lot 1088, being Crown Reserve 6245 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3109 Folios 928.

- 5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of Vincent
- **6. OWNER** The State of Western Australia
- 7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry Permanent Entry	29/06/1999 12/05/2000
National Trust Classification:Town Planning Scheme:	J	
 Municipal Inventory: Register of the National Estate: 	Adopted	26/10/1998

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Highgate Hill Police Station, Lockup and Quarters (fmr), a neighbourhood/community police facility of the Gold Boom period, comprising a standard bungalow style former Police Station and Lockup and a Federation Bungalow style former Police Quarters, both single-storey brick and iron structures, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the changing role of the place demonstrates a significant change in police activity on site from a local community focus to a specialised wider community focus;

the place had an important new role as the police wireless centre for the metropolitan region, officially commencing in 1942. It later developed into a telegraph centre and VHF communications centre for servicing the state and formed part of a national communications system; the place is valued by past and present members of the police force, its union and historical society, as it represents several strands of the history of police activity in Western Australia over the past 100 years since 1897. These include the development of suburban police stations, the community role of policing, police communications and road safety

the place is a surviving public facility from the initial period of development of Highgate Hill and demonstrates the standard of a community police facility of the period;

the place forms part of a streetscape that contributes to the local community's sense of place

the former Police Station and Lockup is derived from a standard model developed in 1894;

the place is associated with notable architects, Robert J Haddon, Hillson Beasley and William B. Hardwick. Haddon went on to become an architect of national importance; and,

the place had a continuing role in the Highgate community until its closure as a police station in 1941 and was associated with the murder of Sergeant Marks in 1928, an event which prompted the introduction of firearms licencing in Western Australia.