



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## **DOCUMENTATION OF PLACES FOR ENTRY IN THE REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES**

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2424
2. **NAME** *The Royal W. A. Institute for the Blind (1937, c. 1955)*
3. **LOCATION** 134 Whatley Crescent, Maylands
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
That portion of Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 on Plan 1885 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 2230 Folio 571 shown as Lot 890 on Deposited Plan 55030.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Stirling
6. **OWNER** Lot 1 to 10 Whatley Crescent Pty Ltd
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 08/04/1994  
Permanent Entry 28/02/1995  
Amended Entry 20/05/2008
  - National Trust Classification: 13/12/1990
  - Town Planning Scheme: 10/01/1995
  - Municipal Inventory: Yes
  - Register of the National Estate: nominated
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*The Royal W. A. Institute for the Blind* has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:  
  
the building has a close association with the provision of vocational training and educational opportunities to a section of disadvantaged people in the community for over fifty years;

the construction of the building in the post-Depression era demonstrates a commitment by the Government, and the community, to increase the vocational opportunities for the blind in Western Australia;  
it is the most prominent surviving example of the Inter-War Stripped Classical style combined with explicit Art Deco details in Western Australia; and,  
it is a rare example of this combination of stylistic details by PWD architects.

Other buildings within the site have a low, or intrusive, level of significance.