



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 02132
2. **NAME** *St John Ambulance Building* (1940; 1956)
3. **LOCATION** 298-300 Wellington Street, Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 Lot 123 on Diagram 11273, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1067 Folio 726.

 Portion of Perth Town Lots W76 and W77, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1634 Folio 90.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER** The St. John Ambulance Association in Western Australia Inc.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 14/05/2002
 Permanent Entry 09/05/2003
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 10/03/1997
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
St John Ambulance Building, a three storied, rendered masonry building built as the headquarters building for the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

 the place is a rare example of a large, specialised building designed in the Inter-War Art Deco style, and is a definitive example of the style;

 the place has remarkably high authenticity with original fabric intact internally and externally;

 was built as the headquarters for the St John Ambulance Association, which was established in Western Australia in 1891/1892. It has also accommodated affiliated services such as the Brigade, founded in 1903/1904, and ambulance transport service which began in the 1910s.

It was used as the location for first aid training courses, a museum and library, commandery offices, and for many years served as the central city ambulance depot;

the place has social value for its association with this community service organisation for both the people who have worked and trained with the organisation since 1940 up to c. 1979, and for the wider community; and,

the place is an excellent example of the work of architectural firm Ochiltree and Hargrave, who were prominent in Western Australia in the Inter-War period.

The separate single storey building, constructed to the northeast of the place in 1956 to accommodate ambulance vans and provide accommodation for country drivers, is considered to be of secondary significance.