



**HERITAGE
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REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 09173
2. **NAME** *Kensington Private Maternity Hospital (fmr)* (house, c. 1922, additions, c. 1941; hospital, 1937)
OTHER NAMES Kensington Private Hospital; Kensington Hospital; Kensington Maternity Home, Brenda Cherry Centre (1981-2009)
3. **LOCATION** 91 Hensman Road & 144 Heytesbury Road, Subiaco
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Reserve 37351 being Lots 10217-10219 on Plan 350 and all of the land contained in Crown Land Titles Volume 3151 Folios 681-683.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Subiaco
6. **OWNER** State of WA (Management Order – Minister for Community Services)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 28/01/2011
Permanent Entry 24/06/2011
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory (hospital Adopted building only) 28/02/1995
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Kensington Private Maternity Hospital (fmr) comprising an Inter-War Californian Bungalow style, single storey painted masonry building with a terracotta tiled roof constructed in 1937, and a former dwelling in the Federation Bungalow style constructed c.1922, located in Subiaco has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an excellent representative example of a private maternity hospital, a formerly widespread function that is no longer practised in Western Australia, was one of the largest private maternity hospitals in the State when it opened in the 1930s, and is an uncommon example of a purpose designed and built private maternity hospital, demonstrating in its domestic styling the perception of maternity care as a domestic matter;

the place is a significant women's history site as it was constructed for, owned and operated by women, employed substantial numbers of women, provided medical services specifically for women from 1936 to 1981, and from 1981 to 2009 was used as a facility named after Brenda Cherry, a prominent professional woman;

the place illustrates the development of private maternity hospitals and the standard of accommodation of such a purpose designed facility in the inter-war period;

the place was built in 1936-37, during the recovery period that followed the Great Depression and was later taken over by the State government to serve as an annexe to King Edward Memorial Hospital for post-natal patients in the period of population growth that followed World War II;

the place is a well proportioned and visually pleasing example of a painted brick and tile Californian Bungalow style building and adjacent Federation Bungalow style former dwelling that contribute to the existing residential Subiaco streetscape; and,

the place is valued by the community for its use as a health facility, particularly in relation to maternity care.

The rear landscaping, carpark and metal shed are of little significance. While the domestic presentation and low scale of the front landscaping is consistent with the values of the place, the current layout and plantings are of little significance.