



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01040
2. **NAME** *Activ Foundation Workshop* (1900; 1942)  
**FORMER NAMES** North Fremantle Infants' School; North Fremantle State School;  
 U.S.N. Public Works Office
3. **LOCATION** 98 Stirling Highway, North Fremantle
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
 North Fremantle Lot 492, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate  
 of Title Volume 2124 Folio 100.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Fremantle
6. **OWNER** Minister for Works.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 15/05/1998  
 Permanent Entry 02/09/1998
  - National Trust Classification: -----
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: -----
  - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Activ Foundation Workshop*, comprising the former North Fremantle Infants' School, a single-storey stone and iron building built in 1900, and the former Army Workshop, a single-storey brick, stone and asbestos building built in 1942, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:  

the place is important for its role in education in the district, for its use during World War Two by the Australian and US armed forces, and for its later associations with technical education and the Activ Foundation's work with intellectually disabled persons;

the Workshop is an unusual building, particularly for the style and construction techniques of the street facade and interior detailing. The Workshop was built by apprentices and records part of the educational technique of the period;

the place was occupied by the United States Navy during World War Two, and was known as the U.S.N. Public Works Office; and,

the two buildings, located on a curve in Stirling Highway directly opposite the North Fremantle Railway Station, contribute to the streetscape.

The internal stud dividing wall in the former hall, the landscaping, the paving, the toilet block, the loading bay and the pergolas and shelters are of little heritage significance. The metal sheds, the paving and the internal stud walls in the Workshop are considered intrusive.