



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES - ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION

11. ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The criteria adopted by the Heritage Council in September, 1991 have been used to determine the cultural heritage significance of the place.

11.1 AESTHETIC VALUE

Perth Girls' Orphanage (fmr) contributes to the aesthetic qualities of the streetscape because of its harmonious proportions, a pleasing ratio of solid to void, a visual rhythm generated by the cloistered arcade to the front of the building, and a domestic scale and style. (Criterion 1.1)

The building is a fine example of Federation Gothic architecture and, occupying a strategic position at the corner of Adelaide Terrace and Plain Street, makes a major contribution to the streetscape of the eastern end of Adelaide Terrace. It is one of few remaining late nineteenth century buildings in this part of the Terrace. (Criterion 1.3)

11.2. HISTORIC VALUE

Perth Girls' Orphanage (fmr) is important as the first purpose built Anglican orphanage in Western Australia. As such it has a close association with the treatment of orphans and the provision of social services at the end of the nineteenth century and during the early years of the twentieth century in Western Australia. Subsequent changes to, and upgrading of, the fabric of the building represent response to changing ideals of child health care and sanitation in this period. (Criterion 2.1)

Perth Girls' Orphanage (fmr) has an historical link with the 1864 Orphanage established on the same site. (Criterion 2.1)

11.3. SCIENTIFIC VALUE

11.4. SOCIAL VALUE

Perth Girls' Orphanage (fmr) has significance for its associations with the Anglican Church and with the orphanage located at the place. (Criterion 4.1)

Perth Girls' Orphanage (fmr) contributes to the community's sense of place as a visually interesting building which is a reminder of nineteenth century Perth. (Criterion 4.2)

12. DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE

12. 1. RARITY

12. 2 REPRESENTATIVENESS

Perth Girls' Orphanage (fmr) demonstrates an institutional use now replaced by fostering or family cottage type care. Despite changes in use, and some internal modifications, *Perth Girls' Orphanage (fmr)* is still highly representative of the original orphanage and, as such, of child care institutions established in Australia, during the last half of the nineteenth century and the early years of the twentieth century. (Criterion 6.1)

Perth Girls' Orphanage (fmr) demonstrates the principal characteristics of the Federation Gothic style of architecture. (Criterion 6.1)

12. 3 CONDITION

The condition of *Perth Girls' Orphanage (fmr)* is sound.

For a full discussion of the condition of the place see the Conservation Report by The Interiors Group in Association with Puddy Lee Partnership: 'The Fisheries Building, Heritage and Building Report' (for Homeswest Perth WA West Perth, December 1993).

12. 4 INTEGRITY

Perth Girls' Orphanage (fmr) is no longer used as an orphanage, but has been converted to accommodate offices; however, the internal features of the place have been retained and are clearly discernible. *Perth Girls' Orphanage (fmr)* retains a moderate degree of integrity.

For a full discussion of the integrity of the place see the Conservation Report by The Interiors Group in Association with Puddy Lee Partnership: 'The Fisheries Building, Heritage and Building Report' (for Homeswest Perth WA West Perth, December 1993).

12. 5 AUTHENTICITY

Perth Girls' Orphanage (fmr), despite the insertion of suspended ceilings, some internal partitioning and carpeting retains a high degree of authenticity as little of the original fabric has been removed.

For a full discussion of the authenticity of the place see the Conservation Report by The Interiors Group in Association with Puddy Lee Partnership: 'The Fisheries Building, Heritage and Building Report' (for Homeswest Perth WA West Perth, December 1993).

13. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

13.1 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

For a detailed discussion of the documentary evidence, refer to the Conservation Plan by The Interiors Group in Association with Puddy Lee Partnership: 'The Fisheries Building, Heritage and Building Report' (for Homeswest Perth WA West Perth, December 1993).

13.2 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

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13.3 REFERENCES

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