



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 0603
2. **NAME** *Wearne Hostel* (1897, 1901, 1905, 1909, 1976, and 1984)
FORMER NAMES Ministering Children's League (MCL) Convalescent Home (1897-1949) The Ministering League Convalescent (MLC) Home (1949-1963) Fremantle Hospital Mosman Park Annexe (1963-1982)
3. **LOCATION** Marine Parade, Cottesloe
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Cottesloe Suburban Lot 87, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1293 Folio 311.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of Cottesloe
6. **OWNER** Fremantle Hospital Board.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	24/03/2000
	Permanent Entry	14/07/2000
• National Trust Classification:	Recorded, not classified	12/05/1975
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	27/09/1995
• Register of the National Estate:	Permanent	26/10/1999
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Wearne Hostel, a group of buildings in a large relatively open landscape comprising the original Ministering Children's League Convalescent Home completed in 1897 in the Federation Queen Anne style; the 1901 additions in a matching style; the 1909 Meath wing in a sympathetic variant of the same style; various minor utilitarian additions and structures such as toilet blocks; a single residence and the large additions and conversion works to the 1897-1909 buildings constructed in 1984 in a simplified style derived in part from the existing buildings, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is one of the largest and most successful philanthropic institutions of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. As the Ministering Children's League Convalescent Home, it provided a

necessary service to the people of this State for almost 60 years, and in particular, to those from the Goldfields in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and to women, for whom there were few medical facilities available prior to the construction of King Edward Memorial Hospital in 1916;

the place exhibits the aesthetic characteristics and is a fine example of the Federation Queen Anne style, with individual elements constructed between 1897 and 1909 making an increasingly exuberant use of the elements of the style;

the place has a landmark quality and is an integral part of the vista in Cottesloe, a distinctive section of Metropolitan beach frontage;

the place is valued by the community for the role it has played in the health and ancillary services in this State;

the place has strong historic associations with many eminent Western Australians, principally Anglicans, who gave their support to the place, including Mrs. Waylen, Walter Padbury, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Holmes, and their daughters, Phoebe and Emmie; Lady Onslow; P. W. Harrison, Architect; Edith Cowan, Lady Mitchell, John Tonkin; and the wives of all the Governors of Western Australia in the late nineteenth century and the first half of the twentieth century, particularly Lady Lawley; and,

the place is rare as an early and large cottage style convalescent home and represents a building type and mode of health care that is no longer practiced.

The post World War Two additions, alterations, and hostel additions are considered to have little cultural heritage significance.