



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Register Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3925
2. **NAME** Harvest House, West Perth
FORMER NAME (or OTHER NAMES) Kalmeta
3. **LOCATION** 7 Harvest Terrace, West Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 1 on Diagram 986 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1152 Folio 151.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **CURRENT OWNER**
State of Western Australia (Responsible agency: Department of Finance)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Registered	28/01/2021
• National Trust Classification:	-----	-----
• Town Planning Scheme:	-----	-----
• Municipal Inventory:	-----	-----
• Heritage List:	Adopted	May 2018
• Register of the National Estate:	-----	-----
• Aboriginal Sites Register		
3704 Kings Park Waugal	Registered	
3787 Mounts Bay Road	Registered	
8. **ORDERS UNDER SECTION OF THE ACT**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Harvest House, West Perth a two-storey Victorian Italianate residence constructed of brick masonry with a corrugated iron roof has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was the headquarters of the Women's Services Guilds of Western Australia from 1956 to 1982, a prominent and active women's organisation concerned with education, health, social justice and equal employment opportunity issues;

the place is rare as a known example of a site associated with an important social activist group for more than 20 years;

the place is associated with Bessie Rischbieth, President and an active member of the Women's Services Guilds, a notable figure in advocating for women's and children's rights both nationally and internationally ;

the building is a good example of a substantial residence erected at the height of the Western Australian gold boom, displaying design and craftsmanship characteristics that were prevalent at the time;

the place is indicative of the move of the wealthy citizens of Perth away from the commercial city centre, and the beginning of the trend towards the development of substantial homes to the west of the city. It is evidence of the dynamic nature of the city at the time of its construction;

the place has landmark value for its Italianate architectural style, scale and location, opposite the northern approach to Parliament House; and,

the place was built as a residence for Major Thomas Sherwood and his family, a prominent member of Perth's business, religious and sporting society.

The concrete verandah, slab paved area and fence in front of the building, as well as the pre-painted corrugated iron carport behind the building and various recent alterations to the building's interior have little significance.