



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 02110
2. **NAME** *Western Australian Club* (1887; 1927; 1939; 1978; 1996)
FORMER NAMES Australian Mutual Provident Society
 Royal Bank of Australia
 English, Scottish and Australian Bank
 Rural and Industries Bank
3. **LOCATION** 101-103 St Georges Terrace
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 Portion of Perth Town Lot L9, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1854 Folio 896.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER** The Western Australian Club (Inc).
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 14/05/2002
 Permanent Entry 22/11/2002
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 11/10/1999
 - Town Planning Scheme: Schedule 46 1993
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Western Australian Club, a four-storey building with a basement and vault in the Inter-War Commercial Palazzo style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is associated with the development of St George's Terrace as a focus of banking and commerce in Perth;

the place is important for the scale and balance of its architectural detailing, together with the gracious ambience of the reception hall;

the place contributes to the St Georges Terrace streetscape because its style and design are typical of a major banking institution from the late nineteenth century to inter-war period. This building relates to the WA Trustees Building and the West Australian Newspaper group to

the west and to buildings from the same period in adjacent Howard Street;

the place is associated with several prominent Western Australian architectural firms. It was designed by Wright and Patterson in 1887, and Hobbs , Smith and Forbes and Oldham, Boas and Ednie-Brown were responsible for subsequent works carried out in 1927 and 1939 respectively;

since 1995, the place has been owned and occupied by the Western Australian Club (Inc.) which, since its establishment in 1893, has been associated with some of the most prominent Western Australian businessmen and politicians, and with significant contributions to Western Australia's development. This Club was also the first in the State to admit women as full members with voting rights; and,

the place is representative of inter-war bank buildings in that the facade is still intact and the banking chamber survives.

Apart from the exterior, and the reception hall and stairwell, there is nothing left of cultural heritage significance about the physical interior of the building. The separate building at the rear is not included in the assessment.