



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Register Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** P2078
2. **NAME** *Hostel Milligan, Perth (1887, 1930,)*  
**FORMER NAME (or OTHER NAMES)** Pearl Villa; Hotel Milligan
3. **LOCATION** 453 Murray Street, Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Lots 1 & 2 Plan 66 being all of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1816 Folio 839.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: 14/07/2024
  - National Trust Classification: Classified 08/07/2002
  - Local Planning Scheme – Heritage List: Yes 06/10/2009
  - Local Heritage Survey: Category 2 06/10/2009
  - Register of the National Estate: -----
  - Aboriginal Sites Register: Kings Park -----  
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00003704
7. **ORDERS UNDER SECTION OF THE ACT**  
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8. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT** Yes 12/02/2020
9. **STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**  
**What is significant?**  
*Hostel Milligan, Perth*, comprises a two storey brick and iron residence constructed in 1887 in the Victorian Regency style (Pearl Villa), extended in 1930 as commercial premises by two storey additions displaying elements of the Inter-War Art Deco style.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

- Original external and internal brick walls of Pearl Villa.
- Original internal arrangement of Pearl Villa rooms.
- Original door and window openings in Pearl Villa
- Timber roof structure and sub floor structure of Pearl Villa.
- Timber floors, including stairwell of Pearl Villa.
- Original external and internal walls of the 1930s hostel.
- Render detail on the external upper level of the 1930's hostel.
- Verandah structure and canopy of the 1930s hostel.
- Timber roof structure and sub floor structure of the 1930s hostel.
- Original internal arrangement of the 1930s hostel.
- Remaining timber doors, windows frames and associated hardware.
- Remaining original internal detail and finishes including plasterwork, fireplaces and woodburning stove.

#### **How is it significant?**

*Hostel Milligan, Perth* is of aesthetic, historic, and rarity value and satisfies the following factors relevant to cultural heritage significance:

- A. importance in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Western Australia's history;
- B. importance in demonstrating rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Western Australia's heritage;
- C. potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Western Australia's history;
- D. importance in demonstrating the characteristics of a broader class of places;
- F. importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by any group or community;
- G. special association it has with the life or work of a person, group or organisation of importance in Western Australia's history;

#### **Why is it significant?**

The original building, Pearl Villa (1887), has rarity value as an extant example of a 19<sup>th</sup> century residence in Perth that retains its original layout and much of its detailing which reflects the simplicity of the Victorian Regency style (Factors B and F).

The original building, Pearl Villa (1887), has historic value as it reflects the expansion and development of residential buildings on the Perth city fringes that occurred as a result of rapid population growth following the discovery of gold in Western Australia in the 1880s and 1890s (Factor A).

The original building, Pearl Villa (1887) demonstrates the provision of residential accommodation from the 1890s, and from 1930 to 2019, *Hostel Milligan, Perth* provided low cost, boarding house style accommodation, a practice which is no longer common in Perth (Factor D).

The additions (1930) are of historic value as they demonstrate the development of Perth in the Inter-War period, being located in the vicinity of other Inter-War buildings such as the adjacent P01330 (RHP) *WD & HO Wills Warehouse* (1927) and the former ANZ Bank (c1930s) redevelopment located immediately east. (Factor D)