



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 4587
2. **NAME** *P&O Building (fmr)* (1930, 1991)  
**OTHER NAMES** Orient Lines Building; Malaysian Airlines
3. **LOCATION** 56-60 William Street, Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Lots 5 & 6 on Diagram 6874 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1797 Folio: 789 together with the portion coloured blue and marked R.O.W (Right of Way) on Diagram 6874 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1682 Folio: 974
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER** Malaysian Airline System Berhad (As to Lots 5 and 6)  
Josephine Nominees Pty Ltd (as to R.O.W)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	23/11/2004
	Permanent Entry	22/11/2005
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	11/03/1996
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	13/03/2001
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*P&O Building (fmr)*, a seven storey office building of steel framed construction with Donnybrook sandstone and rendered brick cladding, in the Inter-War Functionalist style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:  
  
the place is a very fine example of an Inter-War Functionalist style building, with some very fine interiors in the Inter-War Chicagoesque style;

the place is rare for the degree of intactness of its exterior and its important interior details;

the place was built as the Western Australian office of the Orient Steam Navigation Company, one of the two major passenger and cruise liner companies serving Australia from the late 1800s to the 1970s;

the place is part of a group of important buildings that visually terminate a strong collection of late nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings in western end of Hay Street Mall; and,

the place was designed by the architectural firm of Hobbs, Smith and Forbes, which designed a number of important institutional and commercial buildings in Western Australia.

The office partitions on all floors other than the fourth and fifth floor, toilet fit-outs, and signage are of little significance.