



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## **REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES**

### **PERMANENT ENTRY**

1. **DATA BASE No.** 05682
2. **NAME** *Lady Mitchell Memorial Child Health Centre, Bunbury*  
(1950-52)  
**OTHER NAMES:** Lady Mitchell Memorial Infant Health Centre;  
Bunbury (Prosser) Child Health Centre
3. **LOCATION** 2 Prosser Street, Bunbury
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Lot 31 on Deposited Plan 882 being the whole of the land in Certificate of Title Volume 1118 Folio 585; Lot 32 on Diagram 611 being the whole of the land in Certificate of Title Volume 157 Folio 38; and Lot 1 on Diagram 611, being the whole of the land in Certificate of Title Volume 157 Folio 38
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Bunbury
6. **OWNER AT PERMANENT REGISTRATION** City of Bunbury
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Registration 08/01/2016  
Permanent Registration 22/02/2019
  - National Trust Classification: -----
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 04/09/2001
  - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Lady Mitchell Memorial Child Health Centre, Bunbury*, a single-storey brick community building with flat-pan metal roof, designed in the Post-War International style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an excellent representative example of the infant health clinics constructed in the post-World War II decade, a period of rapid

population growth across Western Australia when the social status of infant health centres was consolidated and many were built to serve expanding towns and suburbs;

the place is a rare example of a purpose-built infant health centre established in the decade following World War II that remains in use for its original purpose to the present (2015);

the place has been part of a network of child health centres providing preventative health care since its construction, that together were a significant public health initiative contributing to reducing infant mortality rates and improving children's quality of life through the twentieth century;

the place is an excellent example of an infant health clinic designed to incorporate a residence into the building, a practise no longer undertaken, with this area serving as nurse's quarters for around 45 years, an unusually long period; and,

the place is a good example of the domestic-scale work of William Bennett & Associates and in particular the firm's extensive work in designing infant health centres from the 1930s to the 1950s, and the work of Nancy Allen within the practice.

The sandpit, basketball hoop and brick-paved driveway are of little significance.