REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

HERITAGE COUNCIL
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

1. **DATA BASE No.** 4653

2. **NAME** *Subiaco Theatre Centre* (1957; 1968; 1984)
    OTHER NAMES Rankin Gardens; Civic Hall

3. **LOCATION** Hamersley Road, Subiaco

4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
    Perth Sub Lots 235, 236, 496 and 636, being Crown Reserve 5183 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3060 Folio 347.

5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Subiaco

6. **OWNER** City of Subiaco

7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

    • Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry   09/01/1998
                                      Permanent Entry 15/05/1998
    • National Trust Classification: ----------------
    • Town Planning Scheme: ----------------
    • Municipal Inventory: Adopted   28/02/1995
    • Register of the National Estate: ----------------

8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

    Subiaco Theatre Centre, a two-storey Post-War International style concrete building with a corrugated asbestos roof, together with its associated gardens, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

    the place is an important and representative example of civic design for the period, late 1950s and early 1960s, when civic pride and innovative design expressed the confidence of the community;

    the place is an important element in the historical development of the City of Subiaco;

the place is important for its role in the social life of the community, initially as the Civic Hall and currently as a theatre;

the place is a rare example of post-war architecture in Western Australia where the building design was based on a strict proportioning system, resulting in an expression of refined simplicity and unity;

the place and its landscape setting contribute to the community's sense of place; and,

the place and its garden park setting, contributes to the aesthetic value of the landscape and have landmark qualities in the streetscape.

The gardens have some significance as a setting for the building.