



HERITAGE
COUNCIL
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2064
2. **NAME** *Commonwealth Bank, Perth* (1930-1933)
3. **LOCATION** Cnr Murray Street and Forrest Place, Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Perth Lots Pt V13, V14, V15 and V16 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1737 Folio 866.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth.
6. **OWNER** Commonwealth Bank of Australia
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 01/07/1994
Permanent Entry 23/05/1995
 - National Trust Classification 07/08/1978
 - City of Perth City Planning Scheme (1985) 20/12/1985
Included in the Fifth Schedule of the Scheme,
added pursuant to Clause 46 (1).
 - Register of National Estate 28/09/1982
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Commonwealth Bank, Perth has cultural heritage significance for the following:

the place defines the southern end of Forrest Place and, with its strongly modelled facade and well defined corners, gives a sculptural quality to Forrest Place and contributes a vital streetscape element to the Forrest Place Precinct;

it is a significant example of the Inter-War Beaux-Arts style of architecture, of which there are few examples in Perth;

its use of steel frame construction, allowing monumental construction characterised by large open spaces inside the building;

the place is closely associated with the Commonwealth Government's programmes of employment, during the Depression of the 1930s, through public building and infrastructure programmes;

the place is closely associated with the provision of Commonwealth Government and banking services in Western Australia;

the place contributes to the community's sense of place through its banking activities, and as a locale for civic activities in the forecourt and Forrest Place; and,

the place is representative of banking practice, in the state head office of a bank, in the early twentieth century. It is also representative of the changes in styles of banking practice and technology in the late twentieth century.