



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2007
2. **NAME** *Harper's Buildings* (1937; 1948)
3. **LOCATION** 810-820 Hay Street, Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 Portion of Perth Town Lot G15, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 22 Folio 373A.

 Portion of Perth Town Lot G14, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 22 Folio 372A.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER** The West Australian Trustee Executor and Agency Company Limited
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 01/10/1999
Permanent Entry 23/06/2000
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 07/08/1995
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: Permanent - facade only 25/03/1986
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Harper's Buildings, a two-storey brick, concrete, and iron building in the Inter-War Functionalist style with four retail stores at the ground floor, and offices above at the first floor, and a two-storey warehouse at the rear, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
 - the place is an excellent example of the Inter-War Functionalist style, which contrasts with the buildings in the immediate vicinity and through its scale and treatments fits comfortably in its streetscape context;
 - the place makes a significant aesthetic contribution to the streetscape of Hay Street and to the Hay/King Streets precinct, an area of acknowledged cultural heritage significance;

the place is closely associated with Nathaniel Harper, a well known entrepreneur in Western Australia from the 1890s to 1954, and with architects Edwin Summerhayes, who designed the place (1937), and with Yalumba Wines, for whom the basement was custom designed and built as a tasting room;

the place retains much of its street frontage details above canopy level and principal spaces and therefore retains a high degree of authenticity; and,

the place is one of several significant buildings constructed in Perth in the period of recovery after the Great Depression and prior to World War Two.

The shopfronts along the Hay Street frontage are of little significance. All shop-fitting elements are of little significance.