



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2000
2. **NAME** *Devon House* (1937/8)
3. **LOCATION** 729 Hay Street, Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 3 on Diagram 6874 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1005 Folio: 65
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER** Claremont Investments Pty Ltd
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 18/05/2004
Permanent Entry 18/02/2005
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 04/10/1989
 - Town Planning Scheme: Included 20/12/1985
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 13/03/2001
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Devon House, a four and five storey commercial building of steel and concrete construction, with stucco masonry exterior in the Inter-War Art Deco style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a very fine example the Inter-War Art Deco style applied to a commercial building incorporating one of Perth's finest intact Art Deco style facades;

the place is part of a landmark group of buildings in the Inter-War Functionalist and Art Deco styles comprising *Devon House*, *Gledden Buildings* and *P&O Building (fmr)*;

the place was built for and later occupied as a retail store by John R Saunders Ltd, a leading Western Australian chain of menswear stores; and,

the place was designed by William Leighton one of the State's foremost exponents of the Art Deco style.

The ground floor shop front, window mounted air conditioning units, canopy and other advertising signage are intrusive. The shop fitting work, replacement escape stair, suspended ceilings, dry wall linings, and most partitions are of little significance.