



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 1990
2. NAME *McNess Royal Arcade* (1897)
3. LOCATION 613-619 Hay Street, Perth
4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY
Lots 9, 10 and 11 on Plan 989 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1566 Folio 984.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Perth
6. OWNER University of Western Australia
7. HERITAGE LISTINGS
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 04/04/1996
 - Permanent Entry 06/09/1996
 - National Trust Classification: 07/08/1978
 - City Planning Scheme (1985): Included in the Fifth Schedule of the Scheme, added pursuant to Clause 46 (1) 20/12/1985
 - Municipal Inventory -----
 - Register of National Estate: 28/09/1982
8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

McNess Royal Arcade, a richly ornamented three storey commercial building in the Perth retail area, has cultural significance for the following reasons:

the place is a fine example of the Federation Free Classical style;

the impressive spatial qualities of the ornamented, double volume, L-shaped configuration of the arcade and its decorative detailing are unique in Western Australia;

the place demonstrates the ebullient decorative form and style favoured in Western Australia in the late 1890s, and illustrates the confidence and prosperity generated by the gold boom;

the place creates a distinctive corner landmark in the Perth central business district. With adjoining buildings in Hay and Barrack Streets it forms part of a notable streetscape of gold boom buildings; and,

the place is closely associated with the McNess family, and in particular, philanthropist Sir Charles McNess.