



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 16743
2. **NAME** *William & Wellington Street Precinct* (from 1880s onwards)
3. **LOCATION** 90 to 160 & 97 to 145 William Street and 493 to 537 Wellington Street, Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 - (1) Lot 123 on Diagram 3034 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1250 Folio: 567; Lots 3 and 7 on Diagram 5746 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 2226 Folio: 39; Lots 4 and 8 on Diagram 5746 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 2226 Folio: 38; Lots 1 and 5 on Diagram 5746 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 2226 Folio: 41; Portion of Perth Town Lot V18 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 2226 Folio: 46; Perth Town Lot V17 being the subject of Diagram 1533 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 2226 Folio: 47; Portion of each of Perth Town Lots V18 & V19 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 2226 Folio: 42; Lot 7 on Deposited Plan 26511 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1228 Folio: 191; Portion of Perth Town Lot V19 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 2226 Folio: 44; Lots 2 and 6 on Diagram 5746 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 2226 Folio: 40; Portion of Perth Town Lot V19 being part of the land in Diagram 21994 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 2226 Folio: 43; Portion of Perth Town Lot V18 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 2226 Folio: 45
 - (2) Portion of Lot 20 on Diagram 67741 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1687 Folio: 585.
 - (3) Lot 26 on Diagram 46363 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1375 Folio: 37.
 - (4) Portion of Reserve 46321 being part of Lot 1152 on Deposited Plan 220517 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3114 Folio: 793

- (5) Lots 28 and 29 on Plan 6298 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1373 Folio: 258
- (6) Lots 23 and 24 on Plan 6298 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1373 Folio: 260.
- (7) Lots 25, 26 and 27 on Plan 6298 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 1373 Folio: 259.
- (8) Together with portion of William and Murray Streets
as is defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia Survey Drawing No: 15846 prepared by Cadgraphics WA.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA City of Perth

6. OWNER

- (1) Western Australian Planning Commission
- (2) Western Plaza Hotel Corporation Pty Ltd and Brockwell Hospitality Investments Pty Ltd
- (3) Uniting Church Property Trust (WA)
- (4) State of Western Australia (Vested in the City of Perth)
- (5) Beacon Hill Enterprises Pty Ltd
- (6) Jeffery Leach
- (7) HBF Health Funds Inc
- (8) State of Western Australia (Responsible Agency: Main Roads)

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

- Register of Heritage Places:

William & Wellington Street Precinct		
Interim Entry		17/10/2003
Permanent Entry		15/10/2004
Royal Hotel		
Interim Entry		27/08/1999
Permanent Entry		25/08/2000
- National Trust Classification:

Royal Hotel	06/09/1975
Wellington Buildings	05/12/1988
- Town Planning Scheme:

Wellington Building	20/02/1989
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- Municipal Inventory:

Royal Hotel	13/03/2001
Mitchells Buildings	
Wellington Buildings	
- Register of the National Estate:

Permanent	Royal Hotel	01/11/1983
Nominated	Wellington Buildings	05/12/1988

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William and Wellington Street Precinct, containing a high proportion of retail, commercial and hotel buildings from the late-Victorian, Federation and Inter-War periods, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the historic precinct of mainly late-Victorian, Federation and Inter-War period buildings is rare as two largely intact streetscapes, along Wellington and William Streets, that have a high level of authenticity and integrity;

the historic precinct forms a landmark northern entry to the central business district of Western Australia's capital city. It has served this role from the 1880s to the present day and as such, contributes to Western Australians' sense of place;

the historic precinct is representative of the consolidation of Perth from a town into a city, having been constructed at a time when land owners and businesspeople took advantage of the Gold Boom atmosphere of vitality to construct and invest in retail and commercial properties in the central Perth area, and has been in continual retail and commercial use since its construction;

the historic precinct includes good to fine individual examples of buildings in the Federation Free Classical style (*Mitchell's Buildings*, *Wellington Buildings*, *Queens Buildings*), Victorian Second Empire style (*Royal Hotel*) and the Inter-War Free Classical style (*Maclarens Chamber* and *Barkers Building*); and,

the historic precinct has numerous associations with individuals and organisations that have contributed to the development of Perth city and the State. These include individual land owners and investors such as Sir George Shenton, Harry Higham and the Mitchell family, and businesses such as John Saunders Ltd, Cox Brothers and Bairds, as well as architects Henry Trigg, Louis Bowser Cumpston, Hobbs, Smith & Forbes, Oldham & Cox and Cavanagh & Cavanagh.

The visually intrusive buildings in the historic precinct are the second storey of *Saunders Building*, 499 Wellington Street; the metal clad façade of *Wales Arcade (fmr)*, 110 William Street; and, *Commercial Building*, 120 William Street.