



**HERITAGE
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REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01852
2. **NAME** *Northam Fire Station No. 2 & Quarters (fmr)* (1929; 1934; 1955)
3. **LOCATION** 87 Duke Street, Northam
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Portion of Lot 158 on Deposited Plan 222917 being part of Reserve 4951 and part of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3052 Folio 974 as shown on HCWA Curtilage Map 1852.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Northam
6. **OWNER AT PERMANENT REGISTRATION**
State of Western Australia
(Management Order to Shire of Northam)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 18/11/2008
Permanent Entry 24/06/2014
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Exceptional Significance 16/05/2012
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **ORDERS UNDER SECTION 38 OR 59 OF THE ACT**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Northam Fire Station No. 2 & Quarters (fmr), a two-storey brick and iron-roofed building flanked by single storied wings, built in 1929 displaying some elements of the Inter-War Stripped Classical style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:
 - the place is representative of the development of fire fighting services across Western Australia during the early twentieth century, which were introduced, or upgraded, as growth and movement of population dictated;
 - the place was one of the last architecturally designed fire stations constructed prior to the introduction of a standard fire station plan in

the 1930s, and as such, is representative of the period when fire stations were designed on an individual basis to suit the needs of each individual brigade;

the place is rare for its distinctive single bay two-storey central appliance room, flanked on either side by single-storey wings, a design type which has not been applied elsewhere in Western Australia;

the place is indicative of the growth and development of Northam and the wider agricultural and pastoral Wheatbelt area during the 1920s; and,

the place was designed by architect Jack Learmonth Ochiltree, the architect for the Western Australian Fire Brigades Board from 1913 to c.1926, who was responsible for a number of iconic Western Australian buildings, including *First Church of Christ, Scientist* (1939), and *St John's Ambulance Building* (1940) in Perth.

The 1955 verandah enclosures, covered enclosed area and patio at the rear of the central bay, separate outbuildings, modern sheds and fences are of little significance.