



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 01907
2. NAME *Northampton Roads Board Building (fmr)* (1898, 1913, 1950, 1964)
3. LOCATION Hampton Road (North West Coastal Highway), Northampton
4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY  
Lot 31 on Deposited Plan 222925 being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 408 Folio 57.
5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Northampton
6. OWNER Shire of Northampton
7. HERITAGE LISTINGS
 

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	14/06/2002
	Permanent Entry	09/09/2003
• National Trust Classification:	Classified as part of	02/02/1993
	Historic Town	
• Town Planning Scheme:	TPS No. 6	09/01/1996
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	19/04/1996
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. CONSERVATION ORDER  
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9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT  
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10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE  
*Northampton Roads Board Building (fmr)*, comprising a main hall and two ancillary rooms constructed of brick and stone infill walls, with corrugated roof sheeting and designed in the Federation Free Classical style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:  
  
the place is important for its aesthetic contribution to the historic town of Northampton. Though a small building, its siting is prominent and it makes a significant contribution to the streetscape and the sense of place in Northampton;  
  
with its symmetrical fenestration, brick detailing, well-proportioned elements and simple form, the place is a good example of a brick and

rendered stone Federation Free Classical style building, and makes a strong statement;

the place reflects the need and development of local government in rural areas of Western Australia, and demonstrates, with the aid of interpretation, the needs and roles of the Roads Board in these areas;

as the centre for local government for nearly sixty years, the place reflects the growth of Northampton and the development of local government in the Northampton district, demonstrating the principal characteristics of a civic centre within a small country town;

since the construction of the new Shire Offices, the place has continued to fulfil an important social role in the community for its use as a local meeting venue, library, craft centre and tourist bureau; and,

the place is closely associated with Mr A.I Johnson, well known Northampton identity who was Chairman of the Northampton Roads Board between 1896 and 1913 and who worked on the construction of the building. It is also associated with Captain Samuel Mitchell who was Chairman of the Board for four terms between 1876 and 1902 and who played an integral part in the development of the Town of Northampton and of the midwest mining industry.

Items of little significance include all roof sheeting, guttering and downpipes, the concrete stair on the east elevation, the walls of the southern ancillary room, the windows, doors and floors of both ancillary rooms, including the toilet partition, and the carpet and cornice of the northern ancillary room.

The two storage sheds, the undercover car parking area and the Shire Office Building, all of which encroach onto Lot 31, are considered to be of little significance.

Intrusive items include the capping over the barge boards on the east and west elevations of the main hall section, the steel pipe handrail on the east elevation, the carpet within the main hall, and the BP Roadhouse signage.