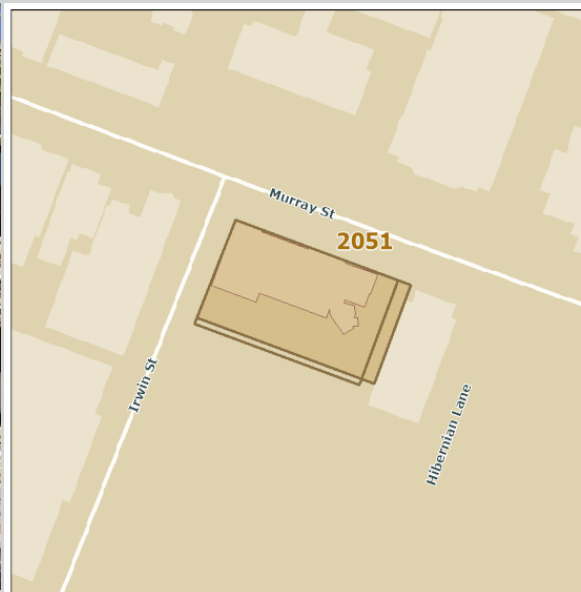


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NAME AND LOCATION DETAILS

Place Name	No 1 Fire Station (fmr)
Street Address	25 Murray Street, PERTH WA 6000 "WESTIN HOTEL", 480 Hay Street, PERTH WA 6000
Location Description	
Other Names	Central Fire Station; Perth City Fire Station; Western Australian Fire Brigade Museum
Historical Street Address	25 Murray Street; 480 Hay Street; 23-25 Murray Street
Historical Perth Town Lot	
Place ID	2051
COP Property Key	175275
Property Titles	Lot 11 DP 408394

PLACE DETAILS

Place Type	Individual Building or Group
Local Heritage Survey	28/03/2023
Local MHI - Draft	13/03/2001
Local MHI - Adopted	13/03/2001
Local Heritage List	18/11/2008
Local Heritage Area	
Local Heritage Area – Building Contribution	
State Heritage Register	Yes
Commonwealth Listed	No

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Other Listings	
Heritage Agreement	
Conservation Management Plan	
Original Construction Year	1900; 1914 (1898 - 1902)
Additional Construction Year (1)	1912 - 1916
Additional Construction Year (2)	
Demolition Year	

INTEGRITY OF USE

Original - General Use	Governmental
Original - Specific Use	Fire Station
Present - General Use	Educational
Present - Specific Use	Museum
Integrity - Summary	Medium

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Architectural Style 1 General	Federation (c.1890-c.1915)
Architectural Style 1 Specific	Romanesque
Architectural Style 2 General	
Architectural Style 2 Specific	
Archaeology	
Physical Description	

Sandstone building designed in the Federation Arts and Crafts style typical of government buildings of the period. The building is constructed of stone with terracotta tiled roof which is probably original. The facade features a diversity of details and forms including arched openings, rectangular windows, a colonnade and decorative stucco work, giving different character to different parts of the building. The roof features both hipped and gabled forms typical of this architectural style.

Walls 1 Material	Stone - Sandstone
Walls 2 Material	
Roof Material	Tile - Terracotta
Architect	Cameron Chisholm & Nichol 1993; Cavanagh & Cavanagh 1899; CW Arnott 1914; FWG Liebe 1899; James Lear
Builder	Cameron Chisholm & Nichol 1993; Cavanagh & Cavanagh 1899; CW Arnott 1914; F W G Liebe 1899; James Le
Other Associations	

HISTORY

The central city fire station is a typical purpose designed civic building dating from the period of expansion following the gold boom of the 1890's when the development of Perth was characterised by an extensive program of Public Works.

The design of the building was probably influenced by John Granger Chief architect with the PWD at the Period. The building has been conserved for museum purposes.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIAN HISTORIC THEME

- 4. Social and civic activities - 404 Community services and utilities
- 5. Outside influences - 503 Natural disasters

AUSTRALIAN HISTORIC THEME

- 3. Developing Local, Regional and National Economies -3.16.1 Dealing with hazards and disasters
- 4. Building Settlements, Towns and Cities -4.2 Supplying urban services
- 8. Developing Australia's Cultural Life -8.10.4 Designing and building fine buildings
- 8. Developing Australia's Cultural Life -8.10.5 Advancing knowledge in science and technology

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The place was the first purpose-built fire station in Western Australia, and the largest and most comprehensively equipped fire station in the State for almost 80 years.

The place makes a positive contribution to the streetscape as a well-known landmark and is an integral component of the historic Murray Street East Precinct, which comprises a number of former Government, administrative and ecclesiastical buildings dating from c.1900.

The place is an outstanding example of the Federation Romanesque style of architecture and is rare as a secular building designed by prominent Perth architectural firm Cavanagh and Cavanagh.

The place represents changes in fire and emergency services management in Western Australia since 1900. The place provides an understanding of firefighting, a specialised occupation of great importance to the people of Western Australia in its role as a museum.

Numerous examples of technical excellence and innovation in firefighting were developed at the place. Many of these were developed under the leadership of James McFarlane Lapsley, who was Superintendent of the Perth Fire Brigade from 1897 to 1910 and later the first Chief Officer of WA Fire Brigades from 1910 to 1922.

NATURE OF SIGNIFICANCE

HERCON Value A - Its importance in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Perth's history

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HERCON Value B - Its importance in demonstrating rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Perth's heritage

HERCON Value C - Its potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Perth's history

HERCON Value D - Its importance in demonstrating the characteristics of a broader class of places

The place represents changes in fire and emergency services management in Western Australia since 1900.

HERCON Value E - Any strong or special meaning it may have for any group or community because of social, cultural or spiritual associations

HERCON Value F - Its importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by any group or community

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HERCON Value G - Any special association it may have with the life or work of a person, group or organization of importance in Perth's history

HERCON Value H - Its importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement

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HERCON Value I - Any other characteristic it may have that in the opinion of the decision-making body is relevant

CONDITION AND AUTHENTICITY

Condition	Good
Building Fabric Authenticity	High level of authenticity as it is largely as originally constructed with detail intact. Internal restoration and alterations have occurred.

CLASSIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

Exceptional – Category 1 - Essential to the heritage of the locality. Rare or outstanding example.

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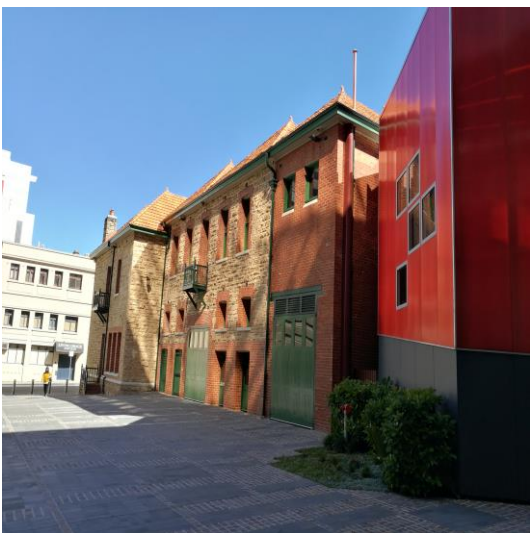
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Initial date	
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