



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** P2095
2. **NAME** *Government House and Grounds (1864, 1899, 1904)*
FORMER NAME (or OTHER NAMES) Government House
3. **LOCATION** 13 St Georges Terrace, Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Reserve 1149 being Lot 1231 on Deposited Plan 30464 and the whole of the land in Crown Land Title Volume 3126 Folio 471.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER** State of WA (management order – Govt Domain Reserve Board)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 10/01/1992
Permanent Entry 19/04/2011
 - National Trust Classification: Classified 06/02/1978
 - Town Planning Scheme: Yes 20/12/1985
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 13/03/2001
 - Register of the National Estate: Permanent 21/10/1980
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Government House and Grounds, comprising Government House (1864), Ballroom (1899), Landscaped Gardens and mature plantings, including commemorative trees, Perimeter Wall (c.1850), Lodge (1904) and archaeological deposits is significant for the following reasons:

the place is of exceptional cultural heritage significance for its historical and ongoing role as part of the administrative centre for Western Australia, its essential contributions to the story of governance of the State, and as the continuing official residence of the Governor;

the place is exceptionally aesthetically pleasing for its eclectic and unique architectural style in its extensive garden setting;

the place is significant for its associations with prominent visitors to the State as the Governor receives guests including visiting royalty, Heads of State, and other official dignitaries;

the place is associated with the Engineers' Department who were responsible for both convict and colonial works, and represents the first important colonial building to be completed by the Public Works Department which was created in 1863;

the place contains extensive archaeological deposits and features, including those relating to the former Government House building, with the potential to reveal much about early colonial life, garden design and philosophy, and the many prominent individuals associated with the place;

the place is a landmark and makes a striking contribution to the streetscape of the State's capital city;

the place is important as a reflection of the historical development of the city centre and its place within the large government domain originally set aside in 1829;

the place is significant for the physical evidence within its curtilage for existing landscape forms that can be traced back to the original topography at the time of European settlement; and,

the place holds a high degree of social significance for the people of Western Australia for its important historical associations, high aesthetic value, its ongoing use for community events, and its contribution to the community's sense of place, as well as being an important tourist attraction.