



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 1035
2. **NAME** *Hillcrest* (1901, 1922, 1934, 1958, 1979)  
**FORMER NAMES** Hill Crest (1901-21); The Salvation Army Hillcrest Maternity Hospital (1922) and Hillcrest Maternity Home (1957)  
**OTHER NAME** Hillcrest Senior Citizens' Residence (1989)
3. **LOCATION** 23 Harvest Road cnr. Turton Street, North Fremantle
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Lot 7 on Diagram 11713 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1327 Folio 295 and Lot 427 on Deposited Plan 184604 and being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1634 Folio 336.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Fremantle
6. **OWNER** Retirement Care Australia (Hillcrest) Pty Ltd
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 18/03/2005  
Permanent Entry 17/03/2006
  - National Trust Classification: Classified 03/11/1980
  - Town Planning Scheme: Adopted 14/10/2000
  - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 14/10/2000
  - Register of the National Estate: Entered 28/09/1982
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Hillcrest*, comprising the original Hillcrest residence, a two-storey stucco and tile Victorian Italianate style building of the Federation period, together with a two storey brick and asbestos former maternity hospital in the post World War Two International Style, a hostel constructed in brick and asbestos cement in the post World War Two Perth Regional style, and Norfolk Island Pines, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a very fine, rare, example of a Victorian Italianate style residence with a sympathetic 1934 addition in a matching style, its construction in 1901 makes the place a very late example of the style;

the place is indicative of the distinctive accommodation and way of life of the mercantile elite in the early twentieth century, having been built in 1901 for Francis Pearse as a large suburban residence with marine views to the Swan River and Indian Ocean;

the place is highly valued, for its provision of maternity care for unmarried mothers, initially at a time when these women were socially ostracized, and for its midwifery training for over 50 years;

the place demonstrates the changing patterns in maternity care throughout the twentieth century;

the place has served as part of an aged care facility since 1978; and

the place contributes to the community's sense of place as well known landmark in North Fremantle for more than a century.

The 1979 hostel and the 1979 dining room building are aesthetically unsympathetic additions and do not contribute to the cultural heritage significance of the place. The 1958 Wing is of little significance.