



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 04241
2. **NAME** *Harold Boas Gardens* (1898-1901, 1975-76)
FORMER NAME Delhi Square
3. **LOCATION** Wellington Street, Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Perth Town Lot V157 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume: 207 Folio: 13 together with Reserve 42786 being Lot 1019 on Deposited Plan 217920 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3051 Folio: 960.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER** City of Perth (as to Perth Town Lot V157)
State of Western Australia (as to Lot 1019, Management Order to City of Perth)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	19/07/2006
	Permanent Entry	30/03/2007
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:	Entered into Heritag	-----
	Register attached TPS	
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	2001
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Harold Boas Gardens, a designed landscape in the Australian Paradise Garden style comprising tree plantings (c. 1898-1900), a pump house (1956), toilet block, contoured land, lakes and waterfall with footbridges, plantings of trees, shrubs and ground covers (1975-76) to a design by Blackwell & Cala, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an excellent and rare example of the Paradise Garden style designed landscape, containing some early tree plantings, and overlaid with

the informal planning of the present gardens that includes lakes, a waterfall, cascade, footbridges, and plantings of predominantly exotic trees, shrubs and ground covers;

the place is an important example of creative landscape design, significant for its innovation and achievement in the 1970s, which introduced a number of new species into public gardens in this State, some among them being among the first such use in public gardens in Australia, and some specifically for this project being propagated for the first time from seed or cuttings of indigenous plants collected in various regions of Australia;

the place commemorates the notable contribution of prominent architect and town planner Harold Boas to the City of Perth as a Perth City Councillor (1914-16, 1926-42, 1944), and in particular his influential role in assuring the inclusion of public parks and gardens in the development of town planning for the city;

the place is a good example of a work designed by Landscape Architect Peter Cala and Ecologist/Landscape Architect Marion Blackwell, of Blackwell & Cala;

the place is highly valued by the community as a well-used photographic backdrop and a landscape landmark; and,

the place is important for its contribution as a teaching site, used by tertiary institutions and as a reference site.

Replacement timber and metal seats, pine log retaining devices, refuse bins and the built structures such as toilets, former pump house, play features and works building are assessed as having little cultural heritage significance.