

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVENTORY

PLACE REFERENCE NO.: AC08

NAME MELVILLE BOWLING AND RECREATION CLUB

OTHER NAME -----

PIN NO. (Landgate) 1185930

LAND DESCRIPTION: Lot 39 on Diagram 017693 on Certificate of Title Volume 1185 Folio 584

LOCATION: 592 Canning Highway, Alfred Cove

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1957

PLACE TYPE: Individual building or group

USE: Original Use Sports Building
Current Use Sports Building



HERITAGE LISTINGS: -----

ARCHITECT: Unknown

BUILDER: Unknown

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Post War International

CONDITION: Good

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Single storey Post War International style recreational building that is representative of many bowling clubs built in this era. The place was altered in 1995 adding verandahs to the place. The building is principally of rectilinear plan form with a central projecting element to the façade incorporating the main entrance and part of the lounge area, with verandah extending to the west. A second verandah to the rear extends across the full width of the elevation.

The building is simple in design with the full height windows to the Lounge/Sports Bar and Hall being the most distinctive features of the place. The Bowling Club is of pale brick construction with flat shallow pitch roof, which continues down to provide the canopy to the two verandahs. The rear elevation comprises almost entirely of glass affording open views of the two rear greens and views to the river. The Bowling Greens are laid out to the front and rear of the building, car parking is to the east and an outbuilding is located along the western boundary. The formality of the green is softened by elements of planting, especially to the Canning Highway frontage.

Internally the two main spaces are the function hall and the lounge/sports bar. Both of these rooms extend through the full depth of the building with access to both front and rear verandahs. Behind the lounge are a series of functional spaces including changing rooms, offices and bathroom facilities. A kitchen, changing rooms and other offices are located to the west of the Hall. The

HISTORICAL NOTES:

Alfred Cove was one of many suburbs of metropolitan Perth that underwent significant development in the post-World War Two period. As these suburbs were settled sporting venues were established which demonstrates the affluence of the period.

The Melville Bowling opened in 1957 and initially included four greens and the clubhouse. The building style is similar to many other clubs in metropolitan Perth built at this time.

In the late 1960s a fifth green was established on the north-west side of the two northern greens. A sixth green was cleared and established adjacent to the fifth green but only appears to have been functioning for a short period in the 2000s. This space is now occupied by a trapeze training school.

The clubhouse has not changed significantly from its original construction apart from the addition of verandahs and replacement of the roof cladding

The clubhouse is currently [2019] used by several local groups; they are Melville Magic Bowling Club, Bicton Attadale Cricket Club, Melville Lakers Netball Club, Nomads Dart Club, Cirque Espace Flying Trapeze and Bungee Trampoline, Melville Ladies' Probus Club and Scrabble Club.

HISTORIC THEME/S:

- Australian Historic Themes: 8.1.1 Playing and watching organized sports
- HCWA Themes: 405 Sport, recreation and entertainment

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Brick and colorbond

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The place has aesthetic value as a simple expression of the Post War International style expressed in brick and metal roof cladding.

The place has historic value for its association with the development of Alfred Cove in the 1950s.

The place has historic value for its association with the growth of sports venues in metropolitan Perth in the post war period

The Melville Bowling Club has social value for the community due to its long relationship in providing recreational and social activities to many generations.

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS:

None

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Little

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: Category 4

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL CODE: Local

MAIN SOURCES:

- Melville Bowling and Recreation Club website, <http://melvillebowlingandrecreationclub.com.au/home/>

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