

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVENTORY

PLACE REFERENCE NO.: AP08

NAME: APPLECROSS DISTRICT HALL

OTHER NAMES: Tivoli

PIN NO. (Landgate): 235740

LAND DESCRIPTION: Lots 180 and 181, Plan 1751
Certificate of Title Volume 870 Folio 197LOCATION: 2 Kintail Road, Applecross
(corner of Canning Highway)

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1934, 1952

PLACE TYPE: Community Hall

USE: Original Use: District Hall
Current Use: Community Hall

HERITAGE LISTINGS:

- City of Melville – CPS 14 December 1999, MHI 19 December 1994, Place Ref. AP08;
- Heritage Council of Western Australia State Register of Heritage Places Permanent Entry 5 November 1999 Place No. 01543 'Applecross District Hall';
- The National Trust of Australia (WA) Register of Classified Places 'Applecross District Hall' Classified 6 September 1993.

ARCHITECT: Eales Cohen & Bennett

BUILDER: Harold Doust

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: 1934 – Inter-War Art Deco
1952 – additions in non-descript style.

CONDITION: Sound.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

A rectangular plan form, single-level building with prominent tower feature and projecting porch at the main entry; hipped roof form clad in Marseilles patter terracotta tiles.

HISTORICAL NOTES:

The Applecross District Hall was constructed in 1934 to the design of W. M. Bennett, architectural partner in the firm Eales Cohen & Bennett. The architectural style reflects the popular fashion of the early 1930s, the Inter-War Art Deco style. The building is located on a prominent corner site close to Canning Highway and opposite the Raffles Hotel (1937) and the Canning Bridge (1937).

The place reflects the residential suburban development of the Applecross locality in the 1930s and the provision of public buildings specifically designed for community gatherings and meetings. That use continues up to the present day.

HISTORIC THEME/S (HCWA THEME/S):

- Australian Historic Themes: 4.1.5 Developing city centres
8.1.3 Living in cities and suburbs.
- HCWA Theme: 404 Community services and utilities
407 Cultural activities.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Rendered and painted brickwork and Marseilles pattern terracotta tiled roof covering.

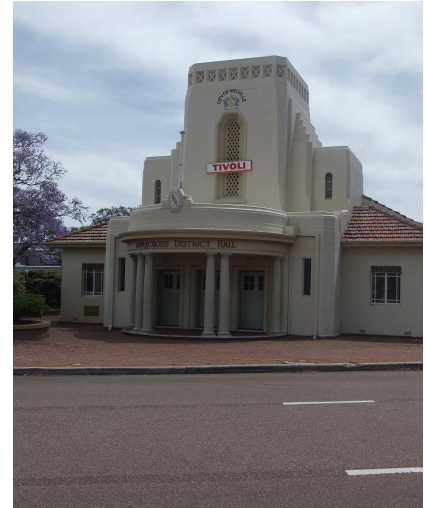
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Applecross District Hall, a single-storey community hall with tower, in the Inter-War Art Deco style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

a distinctive and unusual building, the place has landmark value due to its prominent corner location and tower; the design of the Hall is innovative, technically advanced for its time, and an achievement of merit;

the place is strongly associated with the numerous members of the local community who have used the place for recreation, entertainment and social activities since 1934;

the place is highly valued by the local community for its social, cultural, aesthetic and educational associations and as an important congregational and entertainment venue, contributes to their sense of place;



the place was designed by the prominent Western Australian architectural firm of Eales Cohen & Bennett and was built by Harold Doust; the place is also associated with E. F. Edwards, Chairman of the Melville Road Board at the time of the Hall was built;

the place retains a high degree of authenticity, there having been few alterations to the fabric of the place aside from alterations in 1952.

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS:

The original architectural form and materials/finishes of the building including signage and foundation stone.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Considerable cultural heritage significance.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: Category A

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL CODE: State

MAIN SOURCES:

- 'Applecross District Hall' Conservation Plan prepared by Ian Molyneux & Associates for the City of Melville, dated 1996;
- Heritage Council of Western Australia State Register of Heritage Places Assessment documentation for Place No. 01543 'Applecross District Hall' dated 5 November 1999.

ASSESSMENT DATE: 2012

ASSESSOR: Ronald Bodycoat AM.KSJ.LFRAIA

