

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVENTORY

PLACE REFERENCE NO.: PA10

NAME: MILLER BAKEHOUSE MUSEUM AND PARK

OTHER NAMES: Millers Bakehouse
Millers Bakehouse Museum

PIN NO. (Landgate): 273875

LAND DESCRIPTION: Lot 985, Plan 4153
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LOCATION: 59 Elvira Street, Palmyra

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1935

PLACE TYPE: Former commercial bakehouse, now Historical Society Museum.

USE: Original Use: Bakery
Current Use: Museum and Melville Historical Society HQ.HERITAGE LISTINGS:

- City of Melville – CPS 14 December 1999, MHI 19 December 1994, Place Ref. PA10;
- Heritage Council of Western Australia State Register of Heritage Places Permanent Entry 27 August 1999 Place No. 01548 'Millers' Bakehouse Museum';
- The National Trust of Australia (WA) Register of Classified Places 'Millers' Bakehouse' Classified 5 September 1988.

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER: H. M. Grose.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Inter-War Functionalist.

CONDITION: Sound.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

A single-storey red brick commercial building with gabled ends half-timbered, roof clad in orange Marseilles pattern terracotta tiles. A recessed open verandah extends along the eastern side facing onto the former service yard.

HISTORICAL NOTES:

Miller Bakehouse, the commercial adjunct to the Miller House, was constructed for Henry Miller, baker, and his family in 1935 on land adjacent to the 1929 Miller House in a residential subdivision.

The Miller family bakery business serviced the district from 1929 until 1976, using a horse-drawn bread cart for deliveries.

The bakehouse, surviving oven and bakery equipment represent suburban living and the custom of one of the local service industries located throughout residential districts in the decades prior to supermarkets and shopping centres and the demise of the 'corner store'.

The two buildings are now set in landscaped parkland.

HISTORIC THEME/S (HCWA THEME/S):

- Australian Historic Themes: 3.12.5 Retailing foods and beverages
8.13 Living in cities and suburbs.
- HCWA Themes: 104 Land allocation and subdivision
308 Commercial services and industries
310 Manufacturing and processing.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Red face cavity brickwork, timber roof framing and joinery, terracotta tiles roof covering.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Miller Bakehouse is the commercial adjunct to the Miller House.

Miller Bakehouse, a single-storey brick and tile bakehouse building, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

- the place is a rare example of a working residential bakehouse which retains substantial equipment and machinery dating from the period of use as a working bakery;
- the place is a rare example of a working residential bakehouse constructed in the 1930s in metropolitan Perth;



the place is an example of a family business which supplied bread to the Fremantle and Palmyra area from the 1930s until its closure in 1976;

the place is significant for the design and construction of the bread oven based on design principles developed in the mid to late nineteenth century and is one of the few remaining ovens of this type.

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS:

The external form, material and details of the original fabric, and the location set back from street boundaries in the current site landscaped as a park; the original oven and bakery equipment.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Considerable cultural heritage significance.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: Category A

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL CODE: State

MAIN SOURCES: • Heritage Council of Western Australia State Register of Heritage Places Assessment documentation for Place No. 01548 'Millers' Bakehouse Museum' dated 27 August 1999.

ASSESSMENT DATE: 2012

ASSESSOR: Ronald Bodycoat AM.KSJ.LFRAIA

