

Shire of Northam ART COLLECTION



The Residency Northam, 1904



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The Old Resident Magistrate's Home

This substantial dwelling was once the home of the early resident magistrates. The siting of the Residency in the working class area of West Northam by Magistrate W D Cowan in 1903-04 further deepened the traditional east-west division and led to delays in the building, which was finally completed in 1909.

The Residency is a fine example of the Queen Anne Federation style in Northam. It has historical significance owing to its association with the politics of local government in Northam in the 1900-1915 period. The Residency is aesthetically pleasing and contributes to the streetscape and character of Northam.

Situated in a prominent position, this single storey brick dwelling is characterised by rendered string courses, tall chimneys with terracotta pots and ensembles of various roof shapes with roof vents echoing main gables. The main verandahs have timber posts and ornamental valance elements.