

Heritage Item #

MI Reference: 71 HCWA No: 10908	Place Name: Prospect House	Other Name/s: West Northam Shops
		Date of Review: October 2021



Address: 402 Fitzgerald Street West, Northam	Lot No: Property Key: Plan Diagram: 1002 Vol Folio: 1141/303 Assess No: A11181
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Locality: Northam	GPS:
Current Use:	Original Use(s):

HERITAGE LISTINGS

Listings:

CONSTRUCTION

Date of Construction: 1936

Architect / Builder: John Talbot Hobbs, Walter James Forbes & Partner

Architectural Style: Federation Free Style

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Description:

Prospect House, located at 402 Fitzgerald Street West, is a two-storey masonry building with a concealed corrugated steel hip roof displaying characteristics of the Federation Free Style of architecture.

The building has a symmetrical form with a zero-setback addressing the street. The front façade is painted brick with a simple parapet roof. Recessed banding extends within the parapet painted mid-brown. The corners of the building have rendered quoins painted deep red with a rendered and painted plinth.

The entrance is located centrally through a set of timber double doors with highlights and sidelights. Above the front door is a concrete awning that was previously a first-floor balcony. Access to the balcony is no longer possible with the door now replaced with a window. Both the front door and former first floor balcony door have mid-brown painted rendered quoins.

Timber double hung windows have arched heads and rendered moulding and sills. The sills have rendered brackets. Behind the parapet is a rendered chimney. A single storey building is attached to the west and a two-storey timber lean-to structure attached to the east.

Condition: Good
HISTORICAL
Notes:
Theme: Commercial and Service Industries
Associations: John Talbot Hobbs, Walter James Forbes & Partner
Heritage Assessment or Conservation Plan:
Public Access: No
SIGNIFICANCE
Level of Integrity: Medium
Level of Authenticity: High
Statement of Significance:
Prospect House is of cultural heritage significance for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The place is architecturally significant, and a reminder of earlier times when West Northam was a thriving centre, focusing on the main railway station and workshops, the Grand Hotel and the supporting commercial businesses. • The place is aesthetically pleasing and contributes to the streetscape of the centre of West Northam.
Level of Significance: Considerable
Heritage Category: 2

Additional Photographs	
	
South Façade Source: Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2012	South Facade Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021
	
Adjacent buildings Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021	Remnants of train station across the road Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021



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