


## City of Subiaco - Local Government Inventory Place Record

Name	House
Address	9 Morgan Street, Shenton Park
Lot Number	Lot: 32 D/P: 291
Photograph (January 2016)	
Construction Date	Unknown
Architectural Style	
Historical Notes	<p>Morgan Street had been identified in the Western Australian Post Office Directories by 1903, but no residents were listed until 1907, when there was a single entry for Henry Mangussen, builder. Despite its proximity to the nearby West Subiaco Railway Station, which had opened in 1908, development continued to be slow and there were only 2 residents listed in 1910, 8 in 1915 (4 on either side of the street), and 16 in 1920 and 1925.</p> <p>This slow rate of development may have been influenced by ongoing problems with flooding along Herbert Road, as indicated by the following newspaper article from 1923:</p> <p><i>The notorious West Subiaco swamp, erstwhile Shenton Park, came into view on the south side of Nicholson-road, and drew numerous comments from the engineer, who regards it with about as much pleasure as do the people of Subiaco. Mr. Taylor remarked that it was found necessary a year or two ago to raise that portion of Herbert-road which crosses the lake over two -feet. It was then thought that the plank road would remain high and dry. But the council did not reckon on abnormally heavy rains this winter, with the result that the engineer was obliged to raise the embankment another foot. Now the water is lying on both sides of the roadway. Shenton Lake is the lowest place in the metropolitan area, and presents a difficult problem for council and engineer.</i></p> <p>This was finally addressed in the early 1930s:</p> <p>A work of major importance and one of the largest yet undertaken by the Water Supply, Sewerage, and Drainage Department is approaching completion, and the water which has flooded Shenton Park, West Subiaco, for over 20 years, is steadily draining into the ocean. A drain 21 inches in diameter has been carrying off the water for the past three weeks, and the level of the lake in the park has nearly been reduced to</p>

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	<p>normal. When the drainage is complete it is the intention of the Subiaco Council to beautify the park on the lines of Hyde Park, with ornamental lakes in the centre surrounded by lawns and gardens.</p> <p>Although Shenton Park was formerly a cricket ground, stormwater draining into it from the Subiaco area brought it to 23 feet above sea level. In November, 1932, the Government undertook the draining, of the lake into the Subiaco sewerage system as an unemployment relief measure.</p> <p>Despite these problems, the rate of development along Morgan Street accelerated in the mid-late 1920s, as available land in Subiaco declined, with 26 houses listed in 1930; 31 in 1935; 33 in 1940 and 35 in 1945-1949.</p> <p>Little information is known about the people who constructed most of these houses, but builder/developers are known to have been active in Shenton Park in the late 1920s. Lists of building licences published in the West Australian confirm that at least 5 houses were constructed by the following developers in the period 1926 to 1934:</p> <p>New and Adams  <input type="checkbox"/> Brick residence, Morgan St, £550 (Aug 1926)</p> <p>Alexander Anderson  <input type="checkbox"/> Brick residence, Morgan St, £800 (July 1926)  <input type="checkbox"/> Four room brick residence, Morgan St, £850 (Dec 1927)  <input type="checkbox"/> Brick Residence, Morgan St, £500 (Sept 1934)</p> <p>Reginald Lloyd  <input type="checkbox"/> Five room brick residence, Morgan St, £780 (July 1929)</p> <p>In 2015 there are 41 houses along the street. Some of these additional houses were erected on vacant blocks in the 1950s-1960s, while other blocks were subdivided and redeveloped in more recent years.</p>
Physical Description	High Authenticity
Associations	
Statement of Significance	<p>The place has aesthetic significance as a good representative example of an early twentieth century timber house constructed for the working classes.</p> <p>It has historic significance reflecting the settlement and development of the area.</p>
Level of Significance/Contribution	Some significance (Level 3)
Listings	Local Government Inventory – Adopted 13/12/2016
Main Sources / References	<i>Preliminary Heritage Survey of the City of Subiaco Station Precincts</i> prepared by Greenward Consulting February 2016