


## City of Subiaco - Local Government Inventory Place Record

Name	
Address	1 Smyth Road, Shenton Park
Lot Number	Lot 6, DP 1537
Photograph (September 2016)	
Construction Date	1911
Architectural Style	Federation era weatherboard house
Historical Notes	<p>An analysis of the Rate Books and Western Australian Post Office Directories indicates that Lot 6 was not developed until c.1911 when a house was constructed for Kate Felstead. In the Post Office Directory of 1912, this was identified as the only house along the western side of Smyth Road, between Onslow Road and Bowman Street (although lots 7 &amp; 8 appear to have been developed at about the same time). For the first few years the house was referred to as 3 Smyth Road, but was renumbered as 1 Smyth Road by 1915.</p> <p>At that time the Rate Books identified Kate Felstead as the owner and Thomas Felstead, a telegraph linesman, as the occupier. Online family trees suggest that Thomas George Felstead (c.1871-1947) had married Kate Dillon (c.1870-1948) in Victoria in c.1893 and that they were living in the WA goldfields by 1903. For at least part of the time that they lived in Smyth Road, Thomas and Kate shared the house with Kate's sister, Lydia Dillon (c.1872-1947), who had registered as a midwife in 1911. Kate and Thomas officially separated in 1916 and the house was advertised for sale in September of that year:</p> <p><i>WEST Subiaco.-Jarrah House, 4 rooms, kitchen, bath. E.L. fruit trees, high position, minute station, bargain. – 1 Smyth-rd.</i></p> <p>Note: In 1919-1921 Mrs T G Felstead and Nurse L Dillon were listed as the primary occupants of 21 Smyth Road (later re-numbered as 25 Smyth Road).</p> <p>The 1916/17 Rate Books listed the new owner/occupier of 1 Smyth Road as Ella French and, while she had moved to Robinson Street, Subiaco, by the mid-1920s, she was still listed as the owner of 1 Smyth Road in the 1935/36 Rate Books. Contemporary newspaper notices and online birth records confirm that Ella (c.1887-?) was the daughter of Henry French (c.1855-1935) and Ellen French (nee Mason)(c.?-1946) (with whom she was sharing the house). Ida Anderson (nee French), who was Ella's younger sister, also lived at 1 Smyth Road in the</p>

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	<p>immediate post-war years. From the mid 1920s, 1 Smyth Road became the long-term family home of Joseph and Amy Ross, who remained here until at least 1954.</p>
Physical Description	<p><u>Architectural style</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federation era weatherboard house.</li> </ul> <p><u>Plan form at the street frontage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Symmetrical façade with a verandah extending across the full width.</li> </ul> <p><u>Roof form and materials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hipped roof with a short north-south ridgeline, clad with corrugated profile metal sheeting.</li> <li>Plain face-brick chimney.</li> <li>Separate bullnose verandah roof.</li> </ul> <p><u>Wall materials and finishes to the main facade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Square edged weatherboards.</li> </ul> <p><u>Detailing of main façade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central door flanked by a highlight and narrow sidelights.</li> <li>Double hung window to each of the two front rooms, with plain timber frames and sills.</li> <li>Plain, square verandah posts with simple carved timber brackets.</li> <li>Cross-brace timber verandah balustrade.</li> <li>Plain timber battens to the face of the elevated sub-floor area.</li> <li>Central flight of steps leading from the footpath to the verandah.</li> </ul> <p><u>Streetscape setting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Front verandah set back approximately 5m from the street.</li> <li>Front boundary defined by a modern stone retaining wall, backed by an open grassed front yard.</li> </ul> <p><u>General condition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on a streetscape inspection the building appears to be in good condition (commensurate with its age and materials).</li> </ul>
Associations	
Statement of Significance	<p>1 Smyth Road is of Some Significance for the City of Subiaco:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a good representative example of an early twentieth century timber house, designed to a style and scale suitable for owner occupation or rental accommodation for people with occupations such as junior public servant, tradesman or labourer;</li> <li>As a good representative example of the type of housing that was constructed in the section of Shenton Park to the south of Onslow Road in c.1910-1915, as part of the early consolidation of the suburb following the opening of the West Subiaco Railway Station in September 1908.</li> </ul>
Level of Significance/ Contribution	Some Significance (Level 3)
Listings	Local Government Inventory – Adopted 24/01/2017
Main Sources / References	Heritage Assessment of the Smyth Road Group, 1-21 Smyth Road & 345 Onslow Road, Shenton Park, prepared by Greenward Consulting, September 2016.