

## City of Subiaco - Local Government Inventory Place Record

Name	Shenton Park Hotel (fmr)
Address	203 Nicholson Road, Shenton Park
Lot Number	Lot 43 D/P:41707
Photograph (January 2014)	
Construction Date	1906-07
Architectural Style	Federation Filigree
Historical Notes	<p>The first hotel to be opened in Subiaco was the Subiaco Hotel on the corner of Broome (Hay) and Rokeby Roads (c.1897), followed by the Victoria Hotel (1900). In 1901 the population of Subiaco was recorded at approx. 3,000, but by 1906 this had more than doubled to approx. 6,800. This encouraged commercial development and, while the area that is now Shenton Park was only lightly settled at that time, calls for a railway station at what was then known as West Subiaco anticipated closer residential development.</p> <p>The architect for the Shenton Park Hotel, Harry Jefferis, called for tenders for the erection of this building in October 1906.</p> <p>At about the same time, Joseph David Davis took out a five year lease for these premises from George Smith (who was the General Manager of the Midland Railway Co) and successfully applied for a publican's licence for the place.</p> <p>The new hotel had opened with little fanfare by mid-1907, when a number of advertisements were placed in the WA newspapers.</p> <p>However, this area was still only very lightly settled and in late 1908 Davis launched a series of "entertainments" on the site in an attempt to attract custom.</p> <p>By May 1909 Davis was undergoing bankruptcy proceedings, during which he gave evidence that the "<i>business at no time succeeded under his management</i>" chiefly due to "<i>insufficient business</i>".</p> <p>The next licensee was John Byrne. Byrne died in 1914, but his wife, Mary Byrne, carried on the business until c.1922. During that period the surrounding area had begun to be more heavily developed, supported in part by the opening of the West</p>

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	<p>Subiaco Railway Station (1908), the activities of the Workers Homes Boards (post 1912) and the activities of the War Service Homes Commission (post 1919). This demographic placed it as a local workers hotel and it continued to trade successfully until the end of the twentieth century.</p> <p>When internal alterations were undertaken in 1923 it was stated that the owner was Castlemaine Brewery Ltd., but by the time of further “<i>structural alterations and improvements</i>” in 1937, ownership had been transferred to the Swan Brewery Company. During this period there were at least five different licensees, but (with the exception of 1942-1945) the place was then managed by the Lightly family until the late 1970s: William (Bill) Norman Lightly and his wife, Ada Lyla May Lightly.</p> <p>The property was sold by the Swan Brewing Company in 1981 and then changed hands on two more occasions before it closed in 1999.</p> <p><b><i>For more detailed information refer to the heritage assessment compiled by Greenward Consulting in January 2015.</i></b></p>
Physical Description	<p>The Shenton Park Hotel (fmr) was constructed in the Federation Filigree style, although Post WWII alterations to the balcony removed the characteristic timber and iron filigree detailing.</p> <p>Key elements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asymmetrical plan;</li> <li>• Gable-hipped tiled roof;</li> <li>• Prominent corner statement defined by a corner parapet with classical motifs, set over a projecting splayed balcony;</li> <li>• Prominent chimneys with projecting caps;</li> <li>• Projecting wing with a prominent gable at the eastern end of the main (Nicholson Road) façade;</li> <li>• Return verandah with a projecting corner bay;</li> <li>• Tuck-pointed walls to the first floor balcony area, now painted white.</li> <li>• Rendered walls to the face of the projecting bay and to the ground floor verandah area.</li> <li>• A combination of rendered and painted brick walls to the western (Derby Road) façade.</li> <li>• Traditional, vertically proportioned, double hung windows to the first floor, with moulded rendered sills to the balcony area and plain rectangular sills to the western façade.</li> <li>• Three sets of French doors to the balcony.</li> <li>• Modern doors and windows to the ground floor.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>For more detailed information refer to the heritage assessment compiled by Greenward Consulting in January 2015.</i></b></p>
Associations	
Statement of Significance	<p>203 Nicholson Road, Subiaco is of cultural heritage significance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For its aesthetic qualities as an important landmark building in Shenton Park.</li> <li>• As evidence of the early suburban development of Shenton Park – at a time when calls for a railway station at what was then known as West Subiaco anticipated the closer settlement of the area.</li> <li>• For its historical and social significance as a meeting place and social centre for the</li> </ul>

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	residents of Shenton Park from 1907 to 1999. For its historical significance as one of three hotels that were developed to serve the emerging suburb of Subiaco in the late nineteenth to early twentieth centuries.
Level of Significance	Considerable Significance (within the context of the City of Subiaco).
Listings	Local Government Inventory 2/2/2003 TPS Register of Places of Cultural Heritage Significance 21/04/2015
Main Sources / References	<b><i>Heritage assessment of 2013 Nicholson Road, Shenton Park compiled by Greenward Consulting in January 2015.</i></b>