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Name	Reserve 20246 and Daghish Tennis Club
Address	11 Hickey Avenue, Daghish
Lot Number	Lot 45 on plan 203612 LR3015-26
Photograph (2016)	
Construction Date	Park (1929) c1938 (courts) 1980 (clubrooms) 1950s (toilets)
Architectural Style	Clubrooms (Contemporary)
Historical Notes	<p>Planning for the future suburb of Daghish began in the early 1920s with the Daghish railway platform opening in 1924, named after Subiaco resident, Henry Daghish (1866-1920) former Mayor of Subiaco, MLA (1901-1911) and Premier (1904-05). The first land released for residential sale was in 1925 and comprised the strip of land alongside the railway line.</p> <p>The design of the new subdivision followed the principals of the 'Garden City Movement' initiated in the late 19th century in the United Kingdom which found expression in Perth predominantly in the Inter War years. This philosophy of urban planning intended to create, self-contained communities surrounded by "greenbelts", containing proportionate areas of residences, industry, and agriculture. In metropolitan Perth, the garden suburb commonly featured larger blocks within straight and curvilinear streets interspersed with community green spaces.</p> <p>A significant element of the garden suburb ethos was the provision of parks and gardens and the reserve at Hickey Avenue can be seen to be part of the original</p>

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	<p>1925 design.</p> <p>When describing this period of Daghish's history, Spillman writes:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>There was an air of optimism amongst these Daghish pioneers, a conviction that together they were building a friendly community, an ideal suburb for the raising of children, and a comfortable place in which to grow old.</i></p> <p>Lot 45 on Hickey Avenue was selected by the Subiaco Road Board for the site of a recreation reserve which was formally gazetted on 27th September 1929. It was allocated for use by the newly formed Tennis Club in 1930 in response to a request from a small number of rate payers in Daghish.</p> <p>The club was formally opened on 21st March 1931 by the Mayor of Subiaco, Mr G. H. Olney who stated 'it gave him great pleasure to have the privilege of opening the courts of a district popularly regarded as one of the model suburbs of the metropolitan area'. The first club President was Hilton Ennis, a local builder who constructed with the help of volunteer labour, a small timber club house.</p> <p><i>For a comprehensive Historical Description of the place refer to Heritage assessment of Reserve 20246 prepared by Hocking Heritage Studio (March 2016)</i></p>
Physical Description	<p>Reserve 20246 which contains the Daghish Tennis Club is located within the residential area of Daghish. The reserve is roughly triangular and is bound on two sides by tarmac lanes which provide rear access to the residences facing Troy Street and Stubbs Terrace. The third side of the triangle is Hickey Avenue, a leafy suburban street of predominantly single storey residences. The verge alongside Hickey Avenue is grassed</p> <p>The park is roughly framed by trees on the perimeter. Several of the trees are large Eucalypts although other species are present, notably the Cork Oak Tree <i>Quercus Suber</i> on the western boundary. The boundary of the park is further defined by regularly placed treated pine logs.</p> <p>The overall site is gently sloped down from Hickey Avenue however the establishment of the three tennis courts has created areas of cut and fill on either side of the courts. The three grass courts are fenced with metal mesh fence of over 3 meters high.</p> <p>On the northern boundary of the site adjacent to the courts are the clubrooms, a simple single storey red brick building with a pitched roof clad in zincalume.</p> <p>The park is predominantly grassed with some areas of play equipment located within areas of softfall ground treatment.</p> <p><i>For a comprehensive Historical Description of the place refer to Heritage assessment of Reserve 20246 prepared by Hocking Heritage Studio (March 2016)</i></p>
Associations	
Statement of Significance	Daghish Tennis Club and the associated Reserve 20246, is of cultural heritage significance:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The overall park design demonstrates the characteristics of the garden suburb principles of small areas of green parkland within a residential development.• The park including the recent play equipment and large trees is valued by the local community for its provision of play space in the community.• The Dalglish Tennis Club is a good example of a small tennis club in a residential setting serving the local community.• The place is valued by the club members and the wider community for its provision of services and facilities since 1930 and as location of many community gatherings.• The cork tree is an unusual example of the species in the metropolitan area.
Level of Significance/ Contribution	Some Significance (Level 3)
Listings	Town Planning Scheme Heritage List - 28/06/2016
Main Sources / References	Heritage Assessment prepared by Hocking Heritage Studio (March 2016)