



# Mount Lawley – Heritage Walk



# What to expect

This short walk of less than a kilometre, starts or finishes at the Astor Theatre, allowing visitors to meander through one of the City of Stirling's most significant, architecturally preserved streets.

Learn about the history and heritage of the suburb through stories captured in bronze on a series of 10 new plaques. Keep an eye out for established plaques that also contribute to the story of Beaufort Street.



**Distance:** 1 km

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**Duration:** Casual stroll  
of half an hour

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**Route:** Walk from Copley Park south to the Astor Theatre or start at the Astor and walk north to just past Perth College

With a history dating back to the early 1830s, Mount Lawley has evolved with unique architectural styles including Federation, Queen Anne, Colonial, Art Deco, and Californian Bungalows. The heritage site markers provide engaging stories of notable people and places, offering a rich historical experience.

At the end of the walk, why not enjoy some refreshments at one of the many cafés along Beaufort Street.

# Discover the Heritage Walk in Mount Lawley

**The creation of 10 new bronze plaques highlights the heritage value of Beaufort Street. These plaques identify Mount Lawley as a cultural landscape of significant buildings, designed in a unique architectural style.**

Heritage plaques previously installed include the Beaucott Buildings, the Beaufort and Walcott Street Trams network, the former Rosetta Lodge, and the Perth College Chapel. The addition of 10 new sites to the Heritage Walk reflects a commitment by the City of Stirling and the Mount Lawley Society to preserving the suburb's identity.



*Beaufort Street near Walcott Street, circa 1939.*

# Established plaques

## A) Mount Lawley Tram Line

### Corner of Beaufort and Walcott Streets, Mount Lawley

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The last tram to run in Perth was in 1958 down Beaufort Street. Beaucott Junction was the first terminus for the Beaufort Street tramline. The tram service was important for the early growth of Mount Lawley, contributing to the character of the housing that is evident today.



## B) Beaucott Buildings

### 654 Beaufort Street, Mount Lawley

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Originally built as a simple complex of shops and residences, the Beaucott Buildings were extensively remodelled and refurbished in the Art Deco style in the 1930s. It's named for its location at the intersection of Beaufort and Walcott Streets.



## C) Rosetta Lodge

**682 Beaufort Street,  
Mount Lawley**

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This plaque marks the site of the former Rosetta Lodge, built in 1903. Rosetta Lodge had various uses, including as a maternity hospital, guest house, WWII military establishment, reception centre and nursing home.



## D) Chapel of St Michael and All Angels

**29 Lawley Crescent, Mount Lawley**

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The gothic-styled Chapel of St Michael and All Angels was constructed in 1926 by W.H. Bell to a design by Eales and Cohen Architects and was restored during the 1990s thanks to the efforts of the Old Girls' Association. The chapel is still in use by the Perth College Community and is an integral component of the Mount Lawley Heritage Protection Area.



**Unfold to see established plaques on map.**

# New plaques

## 1 Windsor Hall 36 Queens Crescent, Mount Lawley

Windsor Hall, a stately residence designed in 1903 by Henry James Prockter, stands as a rare example of Federation Free Style architecture in the Mount Lawley Estate. The home has a large hipped and gabled roof with a shaped gable at its eastern end.

## 3 Cohen Residence 692 Beaufort Street, Mount Lawley

This house was established in 1915 as a family residence for Alexander Cohen (1862-1919), an English optician who ventured into construction after emigrating to Australia.

## 4 Schruth Residence 690 Beaufort Street, Mount Lawley

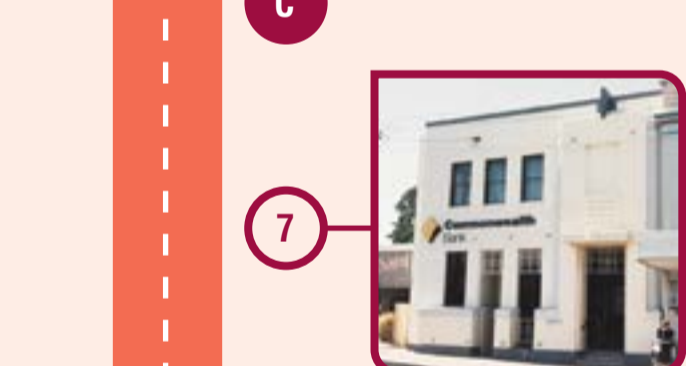
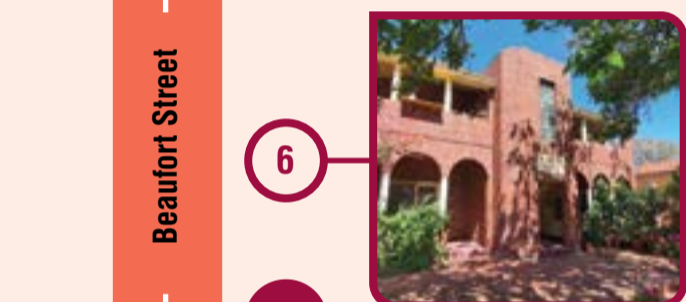
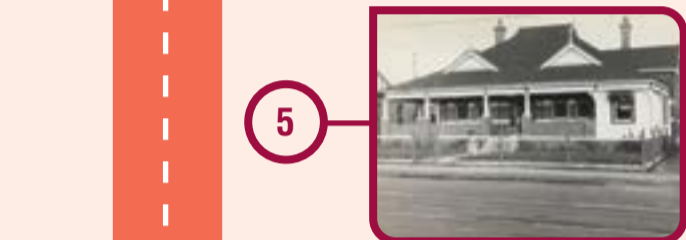
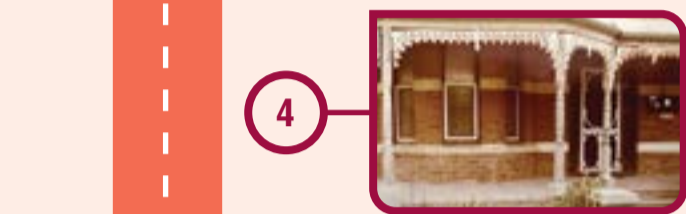
The house, built in 1903 is a fine example of Federation Queen Anne style. It falls in the Mount Lawley Heritage Protection Area. It was built by the Schruth family, who moved to Western Australia during the goldrush era. German-born William Schruth was a prominent local entrepreneur. The home remained in the family until 1992.

## 9 The Astor Theatre 659 Beaufort Street, Mount Lawley

A) The Lyceum Theatre, now known as the Astor Theatre, is located on the corner of Beaufort and Walcott Streets. It was designed in the Federation Free Classical Style by David McClure and built in 1914-15 by Simon Bremner Alexander. Originally designed for vaudeville and lantern slide shows, it opened on 5 November 1919 with a seating capacity for 1,060 people: 300 in the dress circle and 760 below.

B) The Astor Theatre: Entertainment History  
659 Beaufort Street, Mount Lawley

The Astor Theatre has been a cornerstone of entertainment in Perth since its inception. It has seen numerous transformations, from motion pictures and orchestras to silent films, talkies, and a diverse array of entertainment including cinema, musical theatre, concerts, dances, comedy, and live performances.



## 2 Hampstead 700 Beaufort Street, Mount Lawley

The former Hampstead was a Federation-style building, erected in 1907-8. It was used as a rest and convalescent home during the tumultuous years of World War I, from 1914 to 1917. Following that, until 1920, it was run by Nurse Bevan as Kialla Private Hospital. In 1922 Perth College's Sisters used it as a hostel, and later the school used it as their Intermediate School. Hampstead was demolished in 1960.

## 5 Dr Arkle's Residence 688 Beaufort Street, Mount Lawley

The residence has a hipped and gabled roof that extends over a full verandah, supported by circular columns, and framed by traditional sash windows.

This architectural gem has been home to a succession of notable individuals, including Mr. Robert Everett, police magistrate Algernon Stratford Canning, and medical practitioner Dr. Patrick O'Meara, before becoming the cherished abode of the Arkle family for over a century.

## 6 Waihemo Flats 686 Beaufort Street, Mount Lawley

The Waihemo Flats building at 684-6 Beaufort Street, crafted in the distinctive Art Deco style of the 1930s, is a historical landmark built by the Arkle family. The name pays homage to the family's roots in Palmerston, Otago, New Zealand, from where James Arkle emigrated. The building stands on what was once a tennis court in the Arkle family's large side garden, adjacent to their home at 688 Beaufort Street.

## 7 Commonwealth Bank 670 Beaufort Street, Mount Lawley

Constructed in 1938 by A. Hill, the two-storey Commonwealth Bank building stands as a prominent example of the Inter-War Art Deco style. It was designed by the Department of the Interior's architectural division.

## 8 Mount Lawley News 668 Beaufort Street, Mount Lawley

The Mount Lawley News building was designed in the Federation Free Classical style and dates to around 1910. The site was developed as part of the original subdivision of Mount Lawley Estates One and Two. It sits within the current Mount Lawley Heritage Protection Area.

### Established plaques legend:

- A) Mount Lawley Tram Line
- B) Beaucott Building
- C) Rosetta Lodge
- D) Chapel of St Michael and All Angels

Learn more about the buildings featured in the Heritage Walk  
Scan the QR code or visit [www.stirling.wa.gov.au/heritagewalk](http://www.stirling.wa.gov.au/heritagewalk)



# Joint venture with Mount Lawley Society

The Mount Lawley Society was established in 1977, with a focus on promoting heritage protection, researching local history, and educating the community. The City of Stirling is proud to partner with the Mount Lawley Society on the Heritage Walk project.

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