

Heritage Item #

MI Reference: 80 HCWA No: 10883	Place Name: Throssell Fountain	Other Name/s: May Reserve Fountain
		Date of Review: October 2021



Address: May Park, May Street, Northam	Lot No: 545 and 546 Property Key: Plan Diagram: Vol Folio: 3131/649 Assess No: A10335
Locality: Northam	GPS:
Current Use: Fountain	Original Use(s): Fountain
HERITAGE LISTINGS	
Listings:	
CONSTRUCTION	
Date of Construction:	
Architect / Builder:	
Architectural Style:	
PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
<p>Description:</p> <p>Throssell Fountain is located within the May Street Park adjacent to the Killara Respite Centre. The fountain is constructed on a granite plinth approximately 400mm high. The white marble above is constructed in three sections. The square base is simply designed with an inscription on the south east side that reads:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>THIS FOUNTAIN WAS GIVEN BY THE HON. GEO. THROSSELL C.M.G. AND HIS WIFE. TO THE TOWNSPEOPLE OF NORTHAM.</i></p> <p>The central section of the fountain comprises four corner square piers. Within the piers is a functioning water drinking fountain. Forming the top section are piers capped with a curved marble cupola with a flat top. The fountain no longer contains an orb to the top and stands at approximately 1700mm high. The fountain is sited on a concrete slab with brick paving surrounding. May Street Park also contains a playground area, rose bushes and numerous mature trees.</p>	
Condition: Good	

HISTORICAL
Notes:
Theme: Famous and Infamous People
Associations: Mr & Mrs George Throssell
Heritage Assessment or Conservation Plan:
Public Access: Yes
SIGNIFICANCE
Level of Integrity: High
Level of Authenticity: High
Statement of Significance:
Throssell Fountain is of cultural heritage significance for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fountain has aesthetic significance, its design being similar to a larger fountain located in Kings Park in Perth. • The fountain has historical and social significance, being associated with George Throssell, who was an influential businessman and politician, holding the positions of Mayor of Northam for many years, and the Premiership of Western Australia for a brief period in 1901.
Level of Significance: Considerable
Heritage Category: 2

Additional Photographs	
	
Throssell Fountain Source: Municipal Heritage Inventory, 2012	May Park Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021
	
Inscription at base of Fountain Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021	Set close to adjacent building Source: Stephen Carrick Architects October 2021