

NEW HEART FOR PERTH SOCIETY

In the middle to late 1960s, changes to Perth's rail system and its modernisation from steam to diesel/electric railcars brought about the necessity for change to the traditional pattern of connections. This, in turn, led to the changes we now see in the Perth Central Railway Station, and that part of the City proper now known as Forrest Chase. Initial proposals included the sinking of the rail system within the city boundaries, and various schemes for commercial development. However, right from the start, a group of people who in 1968 formed themselves together as the New Heart for Perth Society believed that the railway land should be "developed for people to use and enjoy", and they saw this time as a unique opportunity to create a complete redevelopment of the area.

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	APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP
7583A/1	n.d. To Perth Society and to the New Heart for Perth Society. Blank
	CORRESPONDENCE
7583A/2	1953 – 1973
4328A/1	1 October 1968 – 28 May 1969
4328A/2	17 June 1969 – 28 April 1971
4328A/3	1 September 1970 – 12 June 1974
4328A/4	30 May 1974 – 31 July 1974
	CUTTINGS
4328A/5	1968 - 1969
7583A/3	1969 - 1975 Includes newspaper article listing

	DRAFT STATEMENTS OF EVIDENCE
7583A/4	1974 Environmental impact statement for the proposed Administrative Centre presented to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
	1974 Proposal to construct the WA Post office Administrative Centre presented to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
	1974 The Australian Post Office Administrative Centre, Forrest Place. Statement of evidence presented to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
	FILES
7583A/5	1974 – 1975 Relates to Australian Post Office Administrative Centre proposal. Objections, Parliamentary Questions, and public hearing by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works
7583A/6	1968, 1974 The case for a new heart for Perth. Summary and review
7583A/7	Circa 1974 A possible concept and development schedule for the redevelopment of the cultural centre – central railway area – Forrest Place complex by the New Heart for Perth Society. Also Includes brochures for the New Heart for Perth Society, plans for Forrest Place, correspondence, and information on the Melbourne Underground Rail Loop
	INFORMATION SHEET
7583A/8	n.d. The New heart for Perth Society information sheet no. 1 Perth City zoning
	LISTS
4328A/6	Membership lists
	MINUTE BOOKS
4328A/7	October 1968 – August 1974 Committee and general meetings
	NEWS RELEASES
7583A/9	n.d. Australian Post Office news copy 20 February 1974 Two news releases from the Premiers Department regarding planning proposals for Forrest Place
	NOTES
4328A/8	Notes of a general nature with some extracts from scientific journals
	PAPERS
4328A/9	Text of a paper originally presented as a brief to the Worth Commission on Education in Alberta, Canada, December 1970
4328A/10	Not allocated

	PHOTOGRAPHS
7583A/10 OSM	Perth city and railway line prior to redevelopment. Various views including aerial views. Also includes architectural model of proposed redevelopment
	PLANS
7583A/11 CHARTS SHELVES	Various plans including the proposed sinking of Perth Railway Station, Perth city block, Forrest Place, City of Perth concept plan, City of Perth rail lowering scheme. Also includes land use above Perth railway sinking submitted by Forbes & Fitzhardinge, Architects & Town planners, November 1970
	POSTERS
7583A/12 CHARTS SHELVES	n.d. A new heart for Perth n.d. On the poster is an image of George Poole's town plan, 1911 "Perth as it should be"
	PRINTED MATERIAL
7583A/13	n.d. Flyer produced by the New Heart for Perth Society. Railway sinking. Public sell-out or new heart for Perth n.d. Flyer produced by the Perth Society. If a government wanted to turn Kings Park into a car park how could we stop them?
	PUBLICATIONS
7583A/14	March 1969 Article in <i>The Architect</i> . The case for a new heart for Perth by the Committee of the New Heart for Perth Society February 1974 Various articles in this issue of <i>The Architect</i> including one entitled Central planning and Forrest Place: New Heart for Perth Society
	RECORD BOOKS
4328A/11	Records of the Society with copies of notes and a hand-drawn plan of the area
	SCRAP BOOKS
7583A/15 OSM	1953 – 1968
7583A/16 OSM	1968 – 1974
	SKETCHES
7583A/17 CHARTS SHELVES	n.d. Unknown artist. View of Forrest Place looking north across a central park towards the proposed Cultural Centre. Includes Padbury Building redevelopment
7583A/18 CHARTS	n.d. Unknown artist. Railway line. "I'll sink it for you if you let me have the loot"
7583A/19 CHARTS	n.d. Unknown artist. Unnamed sketch of town plan
	SUBMISSIONS
7583A/20	17 September 1969 A submission to the Honourable L A Logan, MLC., Minister for Town Planning concerning redevelopment of the Central Railway land in Perth

4328A/12	30 November 1970 A submission to the Perth Central Railway Planning Committee for surface redevelopment of the Central Railway area
	UNPUBLISHED ARTICLE
7583A/21	n.d. "In defence of the terrace" by R Vollprecht. An article sent to Mr Boas by R Vollprecht with a note stating that this is an article that the West would not publish

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