



Department for Culture and the Arts  
State Records Office of Western Australia

# Information Sheet

## MAPS AND PLANS

The State Records Office of Western Australia holds a large number of original cartographic and architectural drawings produced by Western Australian Government agencies, from 1829 onwards. These drawings contain information relating to land ownership, design and construction of government buildings and infrastructure such as railways and water supply, or can be used to trace the history of a house or site.

### Finding a plan

To identify an agency which may have created the drawings you seek, use the Agency Index to locate the Archive Note (AN) or Western Australian Agency (WAA) entry for that agency. In addition to the listings in these files a number of specific indexes have been created for a several different series of records and these may be of more immediate use for your research.

- **Public Works Department plans (AN7, WAS 399)** – a card index has been created which lists buildings by location and type. The original index is located in the Search Room and a microfiche copy, created in 1999, is located in the Microfilm Area. Plans transferred since 1999 are listed in WAS 399. Use the index to identify the plan number required. A large number of plans have been microfilmed and are available in the Microfilm Area. Plans not filmed will need to be ordered.
- **Western Australian Government Railway Plans** - a card index to civil engineering plans (CCE) which document railway lines, station buildings and yards. See **AN 260, 262** and the relevant WAA and WAS listings for other sequences.
- **Catalogue of Cancelled Public Plans** - a two volume catalogue of lands and survey plans created by Andre Mali in 1987. The volumes are divided into townsite and other plans. Cross reference with **WAA 42**.

### Ordering a map or plan

Drawings held in the Alexander Library Building will be retrieved for the usual retrieval times of 9.30, 12.00 and 2.00. Many drawings are located in off site storage and will only be retrieved for 10.30 Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Some plans are available on microfiche and these can be accessed during State Records opening hours in the Microfilm Area.

## Map and plan listings

### **Land**

- Exploration plans - **WAS 50**
- Historic plans - **WAS 234**
- Original plans – district and townsite original surveys - **WAS 235 & 236**
- Public Plans - **WAS 978 – 980** (see also Mali index)
- Chain series 1903 – 1970 - **WAS 981** (Mali, Vol. 1)
- Townsite plans and agricultural districts - **WAS 1015 & 2168** (Mali, Vol.2)

### **Architecture and Heritage**

- Public (ie Government) Buildings\* - **WAS 399**
- Public buildings (eg cinemas, halls) \* - **WAS 1457**
- State housing - **WAS 1381, AN 150**
- House plans; City of Stirling, 1917 – 1947 \* - **AN 63**
- Commercial properties; City of Perth - **WAS 1320**
- Licensed premises - **WAS 2237**
- Metropolitan Sewerage survey plans\* – **WAS 633 & 634**
- Metropolitan Sewerage survey fieldbooks – **WAS 84**

### **Engineering and Hydrographic**

- Water supply, metropolitan and country – **AN 134, WAS 399**
- Water supply, Goldfields
- Drainage and irrigation – **WAS 399**
- Harbours and Rivers – **WAS 399**
- Roads – **AN 213**
- Admiralty survey charts – **WAS 239**

### **Railways**

- Resumption plans – **WAS 399**
- Railway construction – **WAS 399 & 2238**
- Progress plans – see card index
- Engines and carriages – **Cons 6300**

Please note that plans and drawings relating to functions taken over by the Commonwealth, eg Post Offices and lighthouses, are located at the National Archives. For printed maps and original drawings deposited with private collections, please consult Battye Library catalogues and finding aids.

\* Copies available on Microfilm