

## HERITAGE OF THE CLIFFE

The timber frame and weather board dwelling at 25 Bindaring Parade, 'The Cliffe', was constructed in circa 1898 by N McNeil and was subsequently owned by the Brisbane family. It was last sold in 1990's to the current owner, M Creasy.



**The Cliffe**  
**25 Bindaring Parade, Peppermint Grove**

The Cliffe is one of the most significant places of its period in Western Australia with exceptional historic, aesthetic, technical and social significance. The Cliffe remains a rarity of a mansion constructed almost wholly in timber, in the form of a large bungalow.

The Cliffe demonstrates the skilled use of the several architectural lexicons of the day. It is an exemplar of its time because of the high level of authenticity.

The Cliffe was a focus for Perth and Peppermint Grove society during the first quarter of this century. The history of the McNeil holding reflects the suburb's social development.

In February 2004 'The Cliffe' was entered onto the WA Register of Heritage Places on a permanent basis under the provisions of the Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990. More recently, the Minister for Heritage, after consideration by both Houses of Parliament, granted approval for 'The Cliffe' to be removed from the WA Register of Heritage Places. The explanation given for the removal of the building from the Register was essentially that the building was badly deteriorated and no longer had any value as a heritage building.

In October 2008, Council granted Planning Consent approval for for the demolition of the dwelling with the proviso that Council wished to enter into discussions with the owners of the property to explore the option of relocating the building or parts of the building to another position within the Shire or other local government area.

In November 2008, Council approved forming a Committee for the purpose of investigating the feasibility and options open to the Shire to preserve the historical building known as The Cliffe.

The Committee to consist of four members of the Council and that in the future three members of the public be appointed.

The Committee report is to be presented to Council at its May 2009 meeting.

Further reports on the Committee's progress will be added to this site.