



MILLIGAN STREET LEVEL-CROSSING [pic 1927-1930]

Multiple sets of manually-operated gates made up the complex level-crossing at Milligan Street. As the numbers of tracks expanded, it became virtually impossible to keep the crossing safe and it closed in the 1930s. A Milligan Street crossing will be reinstated in 2015 via a land bridge as part of Perth City Link.



PETERS ICE CREAM FACTORY [pic 1940-1949]

The Peters Ice Cream factory on the corner of Roe and Milligan streets was bought by Peters in 1929 and expanded as the business grew to feature some of the most modern manufacturing equipment in Australia.



MICHELIDES CIGARETTE FACTORY [pic c.1920s]

Developed as a tobacco business in the early 1900s, the building at the corner of Roe and Lake streets was sold when competition from overseas filter tip cigarettes saw the business cease production in 1960. It was bought by Peters Foods and later became home to Tony Barlow Menswear.

NEW ERA FOR HISTORIC SITE

The Perth City Link project area has been home to Perth's central train station and rail lines since 1851, when the railway was constructed to link Fremantle, the city centre and Guildford. Over the past 150 or so years, the area has evolved to host a variety of attractions and landmark buildings.

There has been talk of removing the major physical barrier created by the rail lines since the early 1900s. Today, Perth City Link is delivering that long mooted reconnection, with many of the historic pedestrian and transport crossings linking the city and Northbridge being improved or restored.

Connect takes a look in and around the project area to celebrate its past.

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WILLIAM STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND LEVEL-CROSSING [pic 1898-99]

Pedestrians and horse-drawn vehicles used to cross seven sets of railway tracks to get from Northbridge to the city. In the mid-1890s, when the gold rush sent rail traffic soaring – and the level-crossing spent as much time closed as open – a pedestrian bridge was built. It was demolished in 1903. A ground-level pedestrian connection will be reinstated at William Street in 2014 after the rail line is sunk.



HORSESHOE BRIDGE [pic 1966]

The heritage-listed Horseshoe Bridge was built in 1903 as an innovative and elegant solution to the problem of getting traffic across the railway lines without demolishing existing buildings to create a conventional bridge. This historic bridge is being retained as part of the Perth City Link.



PERTH ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE [pic 2010]

Once claimed to be the world's largest rectangular theatre, the Perth Entertainment Centre put Perth on the world touring map with a long list of stars from ABBA to ZZ Top performing at the centre between 1974 and 2002. It was replaced by the multi-purpose Perth Arena, which opened in November 2012.



WESTRALIAN FARMERS [pic 1940]

Originally built in 1898, the iconic building became the headquarters for Westralian Farmers and then the birthplace of WA radio broadcasting when 6WF (now 720 ABC) was established in 1924. The building has been converted into apartments.



OLD PERTH MARKETS [pic c.1935]

Described as a cross between a flounced skirt and London's Albert Hall, the Old Perth Markets were housed on the corner of William and Wellington streets from 1897 to 1935.