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THROWAWAY

CORPSES OF THE CITY

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Photographs taken at South Fremantle Power Station, Castle Fun Park, the old Swanbourne Mental Asylum and an abandoned residence in Guildford respectively.

“I love old, abandoned buildings. There’s something about exploring the rooms of houses that were once homes and discovering loved objects left behind that is thrilling.

Perth has a love-hate relationship with old buildings. Council’s love to declare them heritage listed; yet let them fall into disrepair. The South Fremantle Power Station boasts fines of up to \$10,000 for trespassing, yet the fence surrounding it has several holes in it, allowing for easy access.

It’s upsetting to see such extravagant buildings left to rot, with every bit of wall being covered by graffiti and tags. However, sometimes the murals and paintings add to the atmosphere, creating a space that is similar to an edgy, avant-garde art gallery.

Most of the much-loved abandoned locations are now gone, others are currently being redeveloped into residential areas. The rare few are still rotting away, waiting for someone to explore every nook and cranny, uncovering the stories of those that once called these places home.”









