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Northbridge is the bustling, cosmopolitan hospitality and entertainment precinct of inner city Perth. Established in name in 1981 after a public competition, the area is characterized by its proximity to the Central Business District. A stone’s throw from the major retail precinct, it is a fascinating and complex area and home to nearly fifty different nationalities and ethnic groups.

These papers, delivered at the 2007 and 2008 Northbridge History Studies Days, reflect the diversity and the richness of the area - a special place in the fabric of the city with much to offer in its vitality and vigorous culture. Distinguished scholars and community leaders alike have contributed to this volume, reflecting in part the diversity of engagement that Northbridge engenders.

Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Bolton writes of Northbridge as a microcosm of Australia while Associate Professor Jenny Gregory, Dr Nonja Peters, Dr Bobbie Oliver, Dr Susanna Iuliano and Dr John Yiannakis explore Northbridge’s many and varied cultural and migrant experiences. Professor Jock Collins, Dr Keith Shilkin and Mr Richard Offen reflect the diversity of socio-economics, religion and heritage while Mr Peter Conole and Dr Christine Choo explore the hidden cultures of Northbridge, the dispossessed and policing. The pre-settlement landscape and the influence of Northbridge on the growth of the city is explored by Dr Felicity Morel-EdnieBrown while Ms Ema Benichou navigates the modern landscape through the eyes of a flaneur.