
31 Shakespeare Grove



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Location

31 Shakespeare Grove HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO245

HO163

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Significance of Individual Property

1. Architecturally significant for its illustration of the movement away from applied decoration and towards the expression of design by form.

2. Architecturally significant as an important example of the work of Tappin, Gilbert and Dennehy.

3. Historically significant for its contribution to the St. James Park estate.

HO163 St James Park Estate, Hawthorn

The St. James Park Estate, Hawthorn, is an area of heritage significance for the following reasons:

- The place is a Victorian-era mansion estate, developed in the second half of the nineteenth century as Melbourne's wealthier residents sought accommodation away from industry and the cramped living conditions of the inner-city, in a more physically desirable location, but still close to the city. Several of the streets offer broad views of Richmond and Hawthorn East.

- The place contains an exceptional number of individual buildings of historical and architectural merit including Victorian-era mansions as well as large Federation and interwar-era dwellings. Individually significant buildings include Invergowrie and its gate lodge, the Glucksburg trio, Hawthorn House and Zetland.

- The place has important historical associations with Sir James Palmer who erected Burwood (now Invergowrie), and George Coppin who subdivided and sold the area in 1871-1882.

- The place is representative of the growth of Hawthorn as a Victorian garden suburb from the 1850s up until to the interwar period.

- Development in the area also reflected its proximity to rail links (from the early 1860s) and the development of the tram network (c. 1912-3).

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage study 1992, Meredith Gould, Conservation Architects, 1992; |
| Architect/Designer | Tappin, Gilbert & Dennehy, |
| Hermes Number | 14857 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

A dour and forbidding but finely executed mansion house, executed in Hawthorn brown bricks and render. A prominent gabled wing projects beside a colonnaded verandah. A shallow bay projects from the gable wing at the first floor and a larger faceted bay at the ground floor level. On the ground floor the colonnade incorporates unusual shallow arches and above the verandah is expressed with thin Corinthian columns supporting flat brackets and bracketed eaves.

Bands of render prominently divide the facade horizontally. The arches of the arcade translate into a string course carried across the bay and around to the side, broken by two long (staircase?) windows. All the mouldings are particularly plain and flat, the openings are severely effected and their narrow size gives an overall impression of austerity.

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