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# Wembden



Hawthorn Heritage study  
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## Location

40 Chrystobel Cres HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO236

HO152

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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Significance of Individual Property

1. Although Wembden is a late use of Queen Anne, and breaks little new ground architecturally, it represents the dominant character and aspirations of the second wave of Grace Park development during prosperous Edwardian time, better than any other property in the Estate. significant as an architectural landmark in the State

significant garden suburb of Grace Park.

#### HO152 Grace Park and Hawthorn Grove Precincts, Hawthorn

The Grace Park and Hawthorn Grove Precincts, Hawthorn, are of heritage significance for the following reasons:

- The place is a concentrated and relatively intact precinct of generally high quality residential buildings of the later Victorian and Federation periods.
- Hilda Crescent has an unbroken set of highly distinctive Federation house designs, and the mode continues in the adjacent streets.
- The area is characterised by mature gardens and street trees, filtering the light in the more southern streets, south of Kinkora Road, and giving the area a distinctive shaded character.
- The diagonal house compositions and curving streets in the Grace Park Precinct combine to create an informal and picturesque character.
- The northern section - Kinkora Road and Hawthorn Grove - has a large concentration of 1880s housing in tighter patterns that are similarly characteristic of that earlier era, and is relatively intact. These streets were the first typically-scaled suburban development in Hawthorn, in contrast to the St James Park area which began as a mansion group.
- The Barkers Road section is more heterogeneous, but does incorporate several notable Federation and Bungalow designs. Clovelly Court is an impressive apartment group utilising garden villa forms, comparing with both the courtyard flats in the Fairview Park Precinct (HO148) and the more similar Corsewall Close (HO149).
- Located at the southern end of the precinct, the Michael Tuck Stand at the Glenferrie Oval is striking both for the way it draws on its red-brick domestic surroundings as it is for its 1938 modernity.
- The precinct is visually unified by the shared, curving park based around the former Kew Railway line, that runs though the entire precinct from south to north and reads as a reminder of the precinct's early popularity as a commuter suburb.

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Architect/Designer	Cowper, Christopher,
Other Names	Wembden,
Hermes Number	14860
Property Number	

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### Physical Description 1

A sprawling late Queen Anne house executed in brick and rough cast under an intricate terracotta tiled roof. The house adopts the standard features of the style, which were so frequently adapted to the second wave of development in Grace Park. It incorporates a large steeply pitched, hipped roof with prominent gable projections at two co-ordinates, a separately pitched return verandah with corner entrance gable and a variety of attic projections add to the complexity of the roof. The central attic comprises of multi-faceted balcony with shingled walls. This feature and the balcony incorporate the typical grace Park doric columns, set on brickwork at the ground level. The red brick walls are divided to produce a deep rough cast band below the eaves, roughcast

extends to the half timbered gable ends. Purposefully different bay windows with multiple casements complete each co-ordinate projections.

The return verandah and central entrance emphasise the extensive side garden.

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