
The Hawthorns



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Location

5 Creswick Street HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H457

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO39

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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1. Amongst the oldest residences in the state, probably the oldest surviving residence in Hawthorn and one of very few suburban mansions to survive from before the 1850s Gold Rush.

2. One of very few Gothic Revival residences in the State.
3. Important for the impetus given to the consolidation of Hawthorn as a garden suburb, both by its initial construction, and the nature of the subsequent Subdivision.
4. Historically significant for its association with Pinnock, Creswick and Nutt.
5. Significant as a example of the domestic work of distinguished colonial architect John Gill.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage study 1992, Meredith Gould, Conservation Architects, 1992; Boroondara - Neighbourhood Character Precinct 24 - Heritage Citations, Context, 2015;
Architect/Designer	Gill, John,
Other Names	The Hawthorns,
Hermes Number	14909
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

A two storey picturesque gothic revival house, executed in coursed random rubble bluestone with a slate roof. The building is approached from a sweeping drive which terminates at a wide expanse of stone wall, unrelieved with openings except for the entrance recess and the oriel window above in a projecting gabled block. The chimneys rise beside this in a strong form capped by tall, heavy, chimney pots. The principal elevation is to the side, looking towards the river. Gables dominate the design, elaborately decorated in Gothic manner with timber fretwork and heavy finials. On the projecting wing, a bay with rendered cap provides direct access to the exterior.

Adjoining, the building incorporates a single storey verandah, again with principal rooms giving access to the exterior.

The window and door joinery is multipaned. Lobel moulds are used in some locations. Shutters were used to several openings in earlier times but these are now removed. The simple timber posted verandah has had posts replaced by heavier members. Although much truncated from its original form, the garden continues to complement the overall scheme.

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