
Wombelano gates and stone gateway



176 Kooyong Road

Location

176 Kooyong Road TOORAK, Stonnington City

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO272

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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The former Wombelano gates at 176 Kooyong Road, Toorak are locally significant aesthetically and historically:

- for their association with the ear of Toorak Mansions, specifically Wombelano the Bruce family mansion;
- for their craftsmanship in both stone and iron;
- for the rarity of 19th century stone gateways and iron gates in the metropolitan area, this example being one of two identified in heritage surveys, with remnant landscape setting

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Heritage Overlay Review - Amendment C5, C6, Graeme Butler & Associates, 2003; Stonnington - City of Malvern Heritage Study, Nigel Lewis and Richard Aitken P/L, 1992;
Construction dates	1884,
Architect/Designer	Twentyman & Askew,
Other Names	176 Kooyong Road, Toorak, Heathfield, Torbain,
Hermes Number	31165
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

(as assessed from the street)

The gateway consists of:

- four piers, two gateway piers and two fence piers, clad with sawn basalt ashlar with impost and plinth mouldings, and cornice capping of carved stone;
- curved connecting walls either side of the gateway piers;
- basalt balls on the two outside piers;
- two elaborate wrought and cast iron gates, with stiles scrolled at the top.

Each gate is divided vertically into two panels and a bottom frieze. The panels are made up of four flat-iron rails, joined by 17 vertical rods in the bottom panels and eight rods in the top panels, with cast spears at the top of each rod. Within the top panels, between each rod are scrolled iron flats fixed by rivets in a lyre or simple scroll pattern. The rods in the bottom panels are joined by curving flats while the two bottom rails enclose a saltire cross frieze. The lobed leaf shape attached to each scroll end may represent the Scottish thistle. Wrought-iron lamps are placed on each gate pier, date unknown.

The gateway is one of the few surviving from the 19th century mansions built in Toorak.

Integrity

(as assessed from the street)

Publicly visible parts of gateway are externally near original, with some welded connections in place of rivets.

Local Historical Themes

8.1.2 Seats of the mighty - mansion estates in the nineteenth century
8.1.3 The end of an era - mansion estate subdivisions in the twentieth century

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