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# GRACE PARK HOUSE



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1 grace park house hawthorn  
front view



grace park house hawthorn  
front elevation



grace park house hawthorn  
rear view



grace park house hawthorn  
side view with balcony

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## Location

19 CHRYSTOBEL CRESCENT HAWTHORN, BOROONDARA CITY

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0730

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO30

## VHR Registration

May 3, 1989

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 28, 1999

What is significant?

The prominent Colonial architect John Gill designed the first section of the house later known as Grace Park House which was built for the Irish immigrant, publican and Hawthorn land owner Michael Lynch in 1857. It was extended in the early 1870s. Subsequent alterations and extensions occurred in the early 1890s after the house had been converted to the Grace Park Ladies College. The house was designed in the Georgian style, is stucco and comprises two storeys. It features shuttered french doors opening onto a double-storeyed timber-framed verandah.

How is it significant?

Grace Park House is of historic and architectural significance to the State of Victoria

Why is it significant?

Grace Park House, constructed in the Georgian style, is an important example of the Colonial architect John Gill's work. The house is also important because of its ability to exhibit, by its symmetrical proportions, the aesthetic characteristics of the Georgian style. Grace Park House is historically important because of its association, through Michael Lynch, with Melbourne's early development and illustrates the opportunities available to the early settlers of the Port Phillip District. The 1890s additions and alterations, commissioned when the house accommodated the Grace Park Ladies College, are historically important for their association with the rise of private educational facilities for girls in the Colony and the emergence of an upper middle class.

### Permit Exemptions

#### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions

prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates 1857,  
Architect/Designer Gill, John,  
Heritage Act Categories Registered place,  
Hermes Number 572  
Property Number

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## History

Associated People: Tenant HAWTHORN COLLEGE; Assoc.People QUENTIN SMITH

## Extent of Registration

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 730 -

Grace Park House, 19 Chrystobel Crescent, Hawthorn to the extent of the whole of the building and land known as Grace Park House as shown in Volume 6733 Folio 433.

[Victoria Government Gazette G17 3 May 1989 p.1041]

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*