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## 4 Ardene Court



Review of C\* Grade Buildings  
in the Former City of  
Hawthorn

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### Location

4 Ardene Court HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

### Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO431

### Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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### Statement of Significance

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The property at 4 Ardene Court, Hawthorn, is of historical and architectural significance at a local level. It is of historical significance due to its association with the German farming community of the mid-nineteenth century in this area of Hawthorn. The dwelling, which is an evolved structure with the principal components dating from the 1860s to the 1880s, demonstrates aspects of the transformation of the property from its early association through to its location in a more established garden suburb by the late nineteenth century. The 1880s component is also a

generally intact example of a Victorian villa, with a well executed principal facade and prominent bayed verandah.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Review of C* Grade Buildings in the Former City of Hawthorn, Lovell Chen Architects & Heritage Consultants, 2006; Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage Study, Meredith Gould Conservation Architects, 1993;
Construction dates	1864, 1881,
Hermes Number	14533
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 4 Ardene Court, Hawthorn, is an amalgam of various building phases from the mid to late nineteenth century. The northernmost section which addresses the street dates from the 1880s and comprises a single-storey double-fronted Victorian brick villa. The hipped roof is slate-clad and finished with bracketed eaves and face brick and overpainted brick chimneys with moulded caps. The symmetrical facade displays an overpainted tuckpointed brick finish, whereas the sides retain polychrome Hawthorn brickwork. The facade comprises a central entrance, with panelled timber door and glazed surrounds, flanked by a pair of canted bays; each opening contains a timber-framed double-hung sash window. The facade and west elevation are screened by an ogee profile corrugated galvanised steel verandah with chamfered timber posts, cast iron frieze and brackets and timber floor. The verandah sub-floor is enclosed by non-original timber boards.

Located south of the villa are two earlier single-storey brick wings, or cottages, which apparently date from the mid-1860s and pre-1881 period.[i] These formed a U-shaped floor plan with the north section of the house until enclosed on the southern side during the 1960s. The earliest (west) wing is largely concealed from view from the street but it apparently comprises three rooms on a rectangular plan, without interconnecting doors, which open onto a straight (possibly non-original) verandah along the west side.[ii] The hipped slate roof is penetrated by a non-original (1880s) bichrome brick chimney and the brickwork is overpainted. The east wing is visible from Ardene Court. The walls were clad in the 1880s with brickwork to match the front villa. The hipped slate roof has a small Dutch gable at the south end and there are no eaves overhangs. The visible east elevation contains a recessed arched entrance of uncertain origin which appears to have been further altered with the insertion of a new panelled timber door, glazed surround and tiled step. It is flanked by conventional timber-framed double-hung sash windows. Approval was granted for unspecified alterations and additions in 1963 and 1964 which most likely included the south wing connecting the east and west wings.[iii]

A large brick garage located in the north-west corner of the site probably dates from 1982 and approval was granted for further small additions at the rear of the house in 1988.[iv] The frontage is unfenced.

[i] Meredith Gould Conservation Architects, *Hawthorn Heritage Study*, 1992.

[ii] Meredith Gould Conservation Architects, *Hawthorn Heritage Study*, 1992; Meredith Gould Conservation Architects, *Hawthorn Heritage Study Review*, 1994.

[iii] Details sourced from the City of Hawthorn Building Index, Permit #4897, dated 1963, and #5396, dated 11 May 1964.

[iv] Details sourced from the City of Hawthorn Building Index, Permit #5994, dated 16 November 1988, and revised application #6048, dated 6 December 1988.

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