
Glendale; Cleverdon House



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

Location

106 and 108 Riversdale Road HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO474

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Glendale and *Cleverdon House*, at 106 and 108 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn, are of local historical and architectural significance as a prominently sited, substantial and relatively externally intact example of two semi-detached Victorian Italianate residences. While the typology of the residences (two substantial semi-detached residences designed to appear as a large detached residence) is unusual in Boroondara, the houses otherwise adopt generally typical Victorian Italianate forms and detailing. The building's prominent and elevated siting and

substantial size give it considerable presence in the streetscape. The properties are of historical interest for their association with William Cleverdon, who served as Mayor of Hawthorn between 1876-77 and 1879-80.

While visible, the rear additions are clearly discernible as such and do not detract from the presentation of the building.

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	1886,
Architect/Designer	Cleverdon, WH,
Other Names	Glendale, Cleverdon House,
Hermes Number	14578
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Glendale and Cleverdon House at 106-8 Riversdale Road comprises two attached late Victorian two-storey residences located on the corner of Glen Street and Riversdale Road. Of the two, 106 is slightly larger and is distinguished by its return verandah (addressing both street frontages), while 108 faces only Riversdale Road and has a simpler, frontal, verandah form. The two are separated by a prominent heavily vermiculated projecting wing wall.

Roofs to both dwellings are hipped and clad in slate tiles. Chimneys are of rendered brick with scallop-patterned flue dividers. The eaves are boxed with intermittent pairs of brackets supporting them. Walls are of rendered brick, incised with decorative patterns. On the Riversdale Road frontage, both dwellings have tripartite windows at both ground and first floor levels. These are flat headed on the first floor, and segmentally arched on the ground floor. An additional single, full-height flat headed window is located at first floor level. Windows are generally double-hung sashes. The main entrances are on the Riversdale Road frontage and comprise generous segmentally arched openings located adjacent to the dividing party wall. The entrance door and associated joinery to No 106 appears intact, though the fanlights and sidelights have been replaced with clear glass, while on 108 the door and joinery appears possibly to have been stripped and revarnished.[i]

The Glen Street elevation of 106 Riversdale Road has larger single-light windows on its ground floor, again segmentally arched. A faceted bay with four double-hung windows is located at first floor level; this is a later addition and is contemporary with the two-storey rear additions (see below).

Both houses have two-storey verandahs with paired columns and decorative cast iron lace balustrade, frieze and brackets. As noted above, the verandah to 106 returns along the Glen Street frontage. The verandah roofs are clad in corrugated galvanized iron sheet, and are anchored just below the eave brackets. The original front steps up to the verandah to both residences appear to survive.

Rendered brick two-storey hipped roofed additions were constructed to the rear of both residences in c.1987-8. [ii] Of these, the most visible is the addition at the rear of 106 Riversdale Road, which is visible on the Glen Street frontage of the site. This appears to have been modified in c.1998 by the addition of a timber study with louvred windows at first floor level.

Both houses are fronted with high fences in Mini-Orb, with heavy lattice gates in canted insets, and remanufactured posts and finials. The Glen Street frontage of 106 has a timber and corrugated iron garage and

storage shed integrated with its fence.

[i] It is possible that it may have been salvaged from another site.

[ii] Details sourced from Ron Unger's drawings # 5196(4010), dated 9 December 1987 (additions to dwelling); # 5283 (4010) dated 5 December 1988 (ditto); # 5689 (4708) dated 26 July 1988 ('front timber and side brick fences'); # 6822, dated 30 November 1989 (open carport). See also permit # 97/1041, dated 17 October 1997 and 24 February 1998.

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