
Cestria



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Location

521 Glenferrie Road HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1924

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO242

HO149

Heritage Listing

Statement of Significance

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Significance of Individual Property

1. One of the earliest uses of romanesque Revival in Melbourne, and a rare mansion house in this style.
2. "Cestria" has significance as one of the first and arguably the greatest American Romanesque Revival house in Australia. It is of architectural significance for the survival of many interior features, especially the woodwork of the entrance/stair hall with its mahogany and American walnut staircase. The large west dining-room is also substantially intact with wallpapers and decoration from the time of the first owner.

HO149 Glenferrie Hill Precinct, Hawthorn

Glenferrie Hill Precinct, Hawthorn, is an area of heritage significance for the following reasons:

- The place contains a number of outstanding examples of Victorian and early Federation-style villas, combined with a series of well-designed and visually striking interwar houses and flats. Anchored by the visually prominent boulevard-like stretch of Glenferrie Road climbing past Scotch College, the place is representative of the changing patterns of development from the second half of the nineteenth century through to the interwar period.
- The southern edges of the precinct are reinforced by the Callantina Road housing, and Scotch College and the HA Smith Reserve which border the precinct.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage study 1992, Meredith Gould, Conservation Architects, 1992;
Architect/Designer	Kilburn, EG,
Other Names	Cestria,
Hermes Number	14864
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

A tour-de-force in the Romanesque revival style for dwellings - in this case a huge dwelling, amongst the largest mansions in Hawthorn. Executed in red brick with rendered dressings and slate roof, the designing is a three storey "L" shape form with the centre filled in with a two storey abutment to the four stage tower. The ends of the "L" are gabled, the top floor being contained within the roof and given light by grouped openings in arcade form. The eaves are heavily bracketed to the gable ends and to the hipped roof of the tower. Grouped arcade elements are also used on the first floor of the tower in the extended abutment, and four square headed openings under a single large arch are the terminating feature of the top stage of the tower. At ground floor level access is gained via a giant half circle arch under the tower. The roof is simply executed in gabled form with slate and terracotta ridging. Tall grouped chimney stacks in red brick and render rise out of the roof, to further emphasise the vertical qualities of the overall composition. The mansion is prominently located on the peak of the hill close to the road and set in substantial grounds.

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