# **MATTHEWS HOUSE**



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#### Location

18A HENRY STREET, PAKENHAM, CARDINIA SHIRE

### Municipality

**CARDINIA SHIRE** 

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO279

## **Heritage Listing**

Cardinia Shire

### **Statement of Significance**

#### What is significant?

The house, constructed c.1905 for Ann and George Matthews, at 18A Henry Street, Pakenham is significant. It is a double fronted late Victorian timber cottage of typical design with a M-hip roof clad in corrugated iron and a symmetrical facade with a central four panel timber entrance door (the two larger top panels have been replaced with glass) and toplight flanked by double hung timber sash windows. The weatherboards to the main elevations appear to be early or original. The skillion verandah that returns on both sides and is supported on chamfered timber posts may be a sympathetic reconstruction (the cast iron brackets are not original). It is partially enclosed on one side. There is one corbelled brick chimney.

Non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

#### How is it significant?

The former Matthews House at 18A Henry Street, Pakenham is of local historic significance to Cardinia Shire.

#### Why is it significant?

It is significant as one of the oldest surviving houses in Pakenham and this significance is enhanced by its rarity value as one of only four known surviving pre-World War One houses in the town. It is representative of the simple timber cottages erected in Pakenham during the formative years of its development. (Criteria A, B & D)

Heritage Pakenham Structure Plan Heritage Review, David Helms Heritage Planning,

Study/Consultant 2017;

Construction dates 1905,

Other Names Review, New,

Hermes Number 201532

**Property Number** 

#### **Physical Description 1**

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The house is set close to the frontage behind a sympathetic timber picket fence. Most of the garden plantings are of relatively recent origins. The exception is a semi-mature Canary Island Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*) that appears to be about 40-50 years old.

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.

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