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## Location

3-10 HENTY STREET, PAKENHAM, CARDINIA SHIRE

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO292

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

### What is significant?

The Henty Street precinct, a residential area comprising interwar and post-war houses at 3-10 Henty Street is significant. Development of the precinct commenced during the early 1920s at a time when Pakenham was experiencing a period of growth and this early period of building is demonstrated by the houses at 8 and 10 Henty Street built by 1924, and the large house at No. 6 Henty Street, constructed in 1928-29. Further subdivisions were made in the mid-1950s and the precinct was fully developed by 1960. The Contributory houses within the precinct are:

- The gable fronted interwar timber bungalows at nos. 8 & 10 Henty Street.
- Post-war houses including a triple-fronted weatherboard bungalow with complementary horizontal timber rail front fence (4 Henty), a cream brick house with a transverse gabled roof and matching low brick front fence (3 Henty) and a low-skillion roof Modernist style house (5 Henty Street).

'Grason' at 6 Henty Street is of individual significance as an expansive Bungalow set in a large garden with mature Canary Island Palms.

The units at 7 & 9 Henty Street are not significant.

### How is it significant?

The Henty Street precinct is of local historical and architectural significance to Cardinia Shire.

Why is it significant?

Henty Street precinct is historically significant as a representative group of single family dwellings associated with the development of Pakenham in the inter-war and post-war periods when it was a country town experiencing periods of growth. It includes some of the earliest inter-war houses in Pakenham, built c.1924, which were the first to be constructed south of the railway line, as well as some of the first post-war dwellings and therefore illustrates the beginnings of the expansion of Pakenham in this direction. (Criteria A, D).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Pakenham Structure Plan Heritage Review, David Helms Heritage Planning, 2017;
Construction dates	1920,
Hermes Number	204449
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The Henty Street precinct is a residential area comprising interwar and post-war houses at 3-10 Henty Street.

No.6 Henty Street, constructed c.1928-29, is individually significant, as a fine example of an interwar bungalow, which is complemented by its garden setting that includes two mature *Phoenix canariensis* (Canary Island Palms). The other interwar houses are the gable-fronted timber bungalows at nos. 8 and 10 Henty Street that were built at the same time (c.1924) and have similar style, siting and detailing, suggesting they were constructed by the same builder. They are simplified Edwardian in style rather than the more typical Bungalow style of this period. No. 10 once had an inset porches (now infilled), while No.8 has a central inset door and large central gabled verandah, though this may be a later sympathetic alteration.(Note: there are/were similar houses at nos. 11 and 15, which have been excluded from the precinct. The former was excluded as in 2017 a planning permit had been issued for its demolition, while the latter is physically separated by non-contributory houses).

The other houses in the precinct date from the post-war period. No. 5 Henty Street is an unusual post-war house, with the front low pitched gable and skillion roofs adding a note of 1950s modernity to the street. No. 4 by contrast is a comparatively scarce example of a triple-fronted post-war plan clad in weatherboard (although not yet quite a triple-front in that its thirdw all is blank). It has a white horizontal plank fence with hedge; there are a number of these types of fence in Pakenham, influenced by American post-war modernism and very clearly associated with the 1950s and 60s.

No. 3 Henty Street is a 1950s cream brick veneer with all the features associated with the style. It has the less typical transverse gable form facing the street, with variation provided by insets, a projecting porch supported by wrought iron column, and large steel-framed windows. Highly intact, it is complemented by an original cream brick front fence that returns along the side boundary and typical post-war garden planting comprising a mix of exotic shrubs including camellia, azalea, rose, gardenia and Prunus serrulata (Flowering Cherry) set in lawns.

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