
Former Hawthorn Returned Sailors and Soldiers Club

Location

605-607 Glenferrie Road HAWTHORN, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO542

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

605-607 Glenferrie Road is a brick and render single-storey former RSL Hall and shop building, located at the corner of Glenferrie and Manningtree Road. The hall and cafe shopfront (605 -607 Glenferrie Road) read as a single unit, though the shop front is painted in a contrasting colour. The principal facade of 605-607 Glenferrie Road is of rendered brick, with wide-jointed rustication framing the central arched entrance and forming the piers or pylons that enclose the building. The two recessed bays either side of the entrance are of smooth render, with that to the north incorporating a modern shopfront. The south side wall to Manningtree Road is of over-painted face brick with rendered banding that encloses the arched window heads and arched entry points, rendered sloping sills and a smooth rendered parapet, with a narrow cornice capping. The rendered and rusticated facade treatment continues for one bay to this elevation and the remainder of the elevation is broken into bays by brick piers which rise through the parapet.

How is it significant?

The former Hawthorn Returned Sailors and Soldiers Club is of historical and aesthetic (architectural) significance to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

The former Hawthorn Returned Sailors and Soldiers Club is of historical significance for its association with the Club and for its ability to demonstrate the proliferation of returned servicemen's organisations in the period immediately after WWI. While RSL clubrooms and halls from the interwar period varied widely in their forms, the facilities accommodated within them and their architectural expression, this example is still considered of significance as a representative and externally intact example of the broad typology. The incorporation of a shop front is of interest in reflecting the location of the building on a major shopping strip and opportunity to generate revenue. While not assessed, it is also possible that members of the Hawthorn RSL retain a level of attachment to this building, which ceased operation as clubrooms in the 1970s and that the building could be found to be of social value for this reason.

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Property Number	

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