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# Spreydon, Westley House



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

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## Location

110 Riversdale Road HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO475

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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*Spreydon*, 110 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn, is a fine and relatively externally intact example of a late Victorian villa, prominently sited on a large allotment. The house exhibits all of the hallmarks of the Italianate style including rendered masonry construction and moulded details, bracketed hipped slate roof, double-height canted bay and cast iron verandah. Though overpainted and missing some cast iron ornament, it remains a fine and representative example of its type. The house is also of historical interest for its association with its original

owner, James Westley, prominent local resident and Mayor of Hawthorn (1889-90).

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;
Other Names	Westley House, Spreydon,
Hermes Number	14579
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

*Spreydon*, 110 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn, is a substantial two-storey Italianate brick villa on an asymmetrical plan. The hipped slate roof is finished with bracketed eaves and a pair of rendered brick chimneys with moulded caps. The walls display overpainted ruled ashlar render on a bluestone plinth with moulded quoins and bands. The double-fronted facade includes a double-height canted bay and is flanked on both sides by small projecting wings set back from the facade which terminate the return verandah. The eastern wing provides a porch to the main entrance and has an unusual gabled roof and timber-framed infill at first floor level of unclear origins. Access is via an arched opening which is reflected in a blind opening at the rear and window opening to the side; the window contains multi-coloured glass. The western side wing has a double-storey parapeted form with pressed cement orbs and a blind arch to the verandah. The double-height cast iron verandah cranks around the canted bay and has bluestone steps, a rock-face bluestone plinth, diaper marble tiling, Corinthian columns, a fern motif frieze and balustrade. Cast iron brackets and the first floor frieze have been removed and sections of the balustrade are missing; it is unclear if there was ever a balustrade at ground floor level. Fenestration in the facade is repetitive between floors and openings have semi-circular arched heads, moulded architraves and tall timber-framed double-hung sashes with distinctive carved timber bottom sash rails.

Permits for additions and alterations were granted in 1988 and it is possible that these are the extensive rear additions visible in aerial photographs of the area.<sup>[i]</sup> The additions do not impact on the views of the house from the street.

The frontage is unfenced and the front garden area is not landscaped.

[i] An aerial photograph of the area dated 2004 is held by the City of Boroondara. Building Permit #5912(4627), dated 17 October 1988, City of Boroondara Building File 40/408/24013 Pt 1.

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