
Avon Court



Hawthorn Heritage study
1992

Location

20 Shakespeare Grove HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO244

HO163

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Significance of Individual Property

1. Likely to be architecturally significant as a major work from the firm of Crouch and Wilson.

2. Historically significant as an example of the mansions built in the newly subdivided garden suburb in the 1870s.

HO163 St James Park Estate, Hawthorn

The St. James Park Estate, Hawthorn, is an area of heritage significance for the following reasons:

- The place is a Victorian-era mansion estate, developed in the second half of the nineteenth century as Melbourne's wealthier residents sought accommodation away from industry and the cramped living conditions of the inner-city, in a more physically desirable location, but still close to the city. Several of the streets offer broad views of Richmond and Hawthorn East.
- The place contains an exceptional number of individual buildings of historical and architectural merit including Victorian-era mansions as well as large Federation and interwar-era dwellings. Individually significant buildings include Invergowrie and its gate lodge, the Glucksburg trio, Hawthorn House and Zetland.
- The place has important historical associations with Sir James Palmer who erected Burwood (now Invergowrie), and George Coppin who subdivided and sold the area in 1871-1882.
- The place is representative of the growth of Hawthorn as a Victorian garden suburb from the 1850s up until to the interwar period.
- Development in the area also reflected its proximity to rail links (from the early 1860s) and the development of the tram network (c. 1912-3).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage study 1992, Meredith Gould, Conservation Architects, 1992;
Other Names	Avon Court,
Hermes Number	14854
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This property is only distantly visible from the street and is concealed by the garden. On-site inspection required to give a proper description and assessment. Given the known conversion to flats previously, the extent of conjectural reconstruction which might exist should be carefully documented and will affect the grading of the building. It is amongst the largest allotments at St. James Park Estate.

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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