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# Hawthorn Metropolitan Fire Station



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## Location

66-68 William Street HAWTHORN, BOROONDARA CITY

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1327

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO222

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, an original and successful example of Edwardian Freestyle architecture applied by prominent architects, Oakden and Ballantyne, to a utility-use building which is unmatched in other contemporary fire

stations, and possesses valuable Art Nouveau inspired iron detailing: of high regional importance.

Historically, of local interest as a public utility building.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage study 1992, Meredith Gould, Conservation Architects, 1992;
Architect/Designer	Oakden & Ballantyne,
Hermes Number	14866
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

A two-storeyed red brick and stuccoed asymmetrically planned building, with a main slated and transverse-gabled roof and parapetted side-walls, and a protruding hipped roof and parapetted room bay at the south-east corner. Terracotta cresting is used at the ridges and Georgian-type deep, bracketted eaves are used at the room bay as is a minor ox-bow, piered and stuccoed parapet at the corner. This carries through the eaves to meet a stucco string-mould and 'entablature' also in stucco and contrasts with the shutter-like banded brickwork, either side of the adjoining upper window.

The residential section is marked by an elegant, cantilevered verandah which has exposed, carved joists (matching the eaves brackets) and Art Nouveau inspired wrought-iron supporting and decorative brackets. Similarly styled balustrading (now obscured) is also used. Whilst bold Romanesque arches, seen also at the RSL Club and the Auburn Railway Station mark the engine entrances and are repeated in the office window in the protruding bay.

Designed in the Edwardian Medieval revival Freestyle, this station differs from contemporary neo-Classic station designs seen at Ivanhoe (1909) and Richmond (1917), resembling only vaguely the Glenhuntly station (single-storeyed).

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