# Shenton, also known as Immigration Reception Centre



Hawthorn Heritage study 1992

#### Location

41 Kinkora Road HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

### Municipality

**BOROONDARA CITY** 

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

#### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0788

#### **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO77

HO152

#### **Heritage Listing**

Boroondara City

## **Statement of Significance**

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Significance of Individual Property

- 1. Architecturally significant for the early use of red brick on an experimental mansion form.
- 2. Historically of outstanding significance for its long association with George Swinburne, a prominent Hawthorn citizen, who became a Councillor, MP, and was a founder and patron of the Swinburne Technical college (now the Swinburne Institute of Technology).

HO152 Grace Park and Hawthorn Grove Precincts, Hawthorn

The Grace Park and Hawthorn Grove Precincts, Hawthorn, are of heritage significance for the following reasons:

- The place is a concentrated and relatively intact precinct of generally high quality residential buildings of the later Victorian and Federation periods.
- Hilda Crescent has an unbroken set of highly distinctive Federation house designs, and the mode continues in the adjacent streets.
- The area is characterised by mature gardens and street trees, filtering the light in the more southern streets, south of Kinkora Road, and giving the area a distinctive shaded character.
- The diagonal house compositions and curving streets in the Grace Park Precinct combine to create an informal and picturesque character.
- The northern section Kinkora Road and Hawthorn Grove has a large concentration of 1880s housing in tighter patterns that are similarly characteristic of that earlier era, and is relatively intact. These streets were the first typically-scaled suburban development in Hawthorn, in contrast to the St James Park area which began as a mansion group.
- The Barkers Road section is more heterogeneous, but does incorporate several notable Federation and Bungalow designs. Clovelly Court is an impressive apartment group utilising garden villa forms, comparing with both the courtyard flats in the Fairview Park Precinct (HO148) and the more similar Corsewall Close (HO149).
- Located at the southern end of the precinct, the Michael Tuck Stand at the Glenferrie Oval is striking both for the way it draws on its red-brick domestic surroundings as it is for its 1938 modernity.
- The precinct is visually unified by the shared, curving park based around the former Kew Railway line, that runs though the entire precinct from south to north and reads as a reminder of the precinct's early popularity as a commuter suburb.

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Study/Consultant Architects, 1992;

Other Names Shenton,

Hermes Number 14903

**Property Number** 

#### **Physical Description 1**

A two storey mansion executed in red brick with restrained cream dressings.

The roof is slate, and the main roof is integrated with the verandah roof.

Prominent gable ends dominate the design with Gothic embellishment. A heavy timber verandah incorporates turned posts and fretwork brackets. The windows are particularly plain.

The main gabled wing projects from the body of the house, and the adjoining verandah recedes to one side. On the opposite side, an elaborate side entrance includes a shingled oriel to the first floor.

The house is set in substantial grounds.

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