
Werona



Hawthorn Heritage study
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Location

500 Barkers Road HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO8

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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1. Illustrative of the growth of Hawthorn as a well to do suburb, housing the city professionals in conservative Edwardian times.
2. A "garden bungalow" which illustrates the continuum from Queen Anne to today's suburban housing in a garden setting in Melbourne.

3. The original fence is notable.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage study 1992, Meredith Gould, Conservation Architects, 1992;
Other Names	Werona,
Hermes Number	14912
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Set well back from the Road, Werona, represents the subdued elegance of a large garden dominated property. The house, though large, is located to give maximum emphasis to the soft, flowing, ornamental landscape in which it is set. The architecture is plain and somewhat old fashioned for its date, particularly the banding, the tower and the half timbered gablet. However there are more up to date features included, particularly the shallower roof pitch and shingles to gables.

The elevation is dominated by the return verandah to which classical reference is given by the unusual columns (square tapering to round), each surmounted by a modillion on an implied architrave. Further elaboration is effected with the octagonal tower, more Queen Anne in feeling, but with leaf decoration associated with the art nouveau. This decoration is also used internally at 376-378 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne (1909, architect G.W. Vanheens), externally at 667 Glenferrie Road, (possibly Haddon) and Dalgetti house at 53 Park Street, South Yarra. The dominant feature is the verandah itself.

The Queen Anne style, and some of the principals of Australian homestead planning and design combined around the turn of the century to produce a new suburban style which continued up to the end of W.W.1. Sometimes loosely referred to as "Edwardian" or "Federation" it is more appropriately referred to as "Garden Bungalow", because it does not relate just to the period around Federation at 1901, and because it is intimately related to the garden suburb concept. Buildings using similar details continued to be used in row houses.

What sets the "garden bungalow" apart is the purposeful and close relationship with the garden as, the dominant feature. A variety of decorative forms can be used within this.

Whilst the building is a collection of references to various styles, it ably illustrates the transfer from Queen Anne to garden bungalow, and has a significant place in the understanding of the development of the suburban house in a garden setting, particularly in Hawthorn.

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