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# 733 Glenferrie Road

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## Location

733 Glenferrie Road HAWTHORN, BOROONDARA CITY

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO491

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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## What is significant?

Toolangi, 733 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn, constructed c1903-04 for Dr Ferguson Lemon. Architectural features that contribute to its significance include the following: the red brick walls with contrasting smooth render bands and roughcast rendering; the complex gable and hipped roof clad in Marseille tiles with terracotta cresting and finials; the corbelled brick chimneys and chimney pots; the two-storey octagonal verandah including the fretwork and timber shingles; all windows visible from the public domain and the leadlight windows in particular; the three-paneled front door with leadlight above; and the lych gate at the corner including the pressed-metal roofing as well as the fence posts and square-topped pickets. The following elements are not significant: the glazing to the upper floor of the verandah, and the reproduction lych gate on the south side of the building. How is its significant? Toolangi is individually significance to the Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn Heritage Precinct.

# Why is it significant?

Historically, Toolangi is individually significant for serving as a doctor's surgery and residence from the time it was built until 2010. Its shared business and residential function provided an elegant transition between the suburban streets of Grace Park and the commercial function of Glenferrie Road. Among the many physicians who lived and worked at Toolangi, Dr Jacob Jona was particularly notable. Jona owned Toolangi from 1924 until his death in 1961 and he lived and worked here. Jona was a prominent member of the Hawthorn community and served as the city's medical officer for many years. He was also closely linked with the nearby Hawthorn Football Club. He was the club's medical officer for 30 years and is remembered for treating injured players at Toolangi free of charge after games. He founded the under 15s' team that was to become the Hawthorn Rovers, and was president of the HFC from 1932 to 1949. Upon his appointment, he became the first Jewish president of a VFL/AFL club. Architecturally, Toolangi is one of the distinctively designed Federation residential-type buildings which characterise the neighbouring Grace Park Heritage Precinct, but it is one of just three residential-type buildings in the Glenferrie Road Heritage Precinct. Its height and prominent corner position lend the building landmark quality, which is enhanced by the skilful diagonal design addressing the corner and making an elegant transition from the two-storey character of Glenferrie Road to the low-rise Chrystobel Crescent. This diagonal emphasis is continued by the ornate corner lych gate, along with a picket fence. These two elements are unique within the Glenferrie Road precinct and rare within Stonnington. 'Glenferrie Road Precinct - Statement of Significance'

# What is significant?

The Glenferrie Road commercial precinct comprises both sides of Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn from 633-763 and from 628 - 808 and 2A Bowen Street Both sides of Burwood Road around the intersection with Glenferrie Road (319 - 369 and 324 - 358), including the Town Hall at 358 and the Glenferrie Hotel at 324-326 are included in the precinct. There are two late Victorian/Federation houses at 37-39 Lynch Street. This encompasses the core of Glenferrie Road's nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings, the railway and associated buildings, civic buildings, banks and the best examples of rows of two storey shops.

# How is it significant?

Glenferrie Road is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to the City of Boroondara.

# Why is it significant?

Glenferrie Road commercial precinct is of historic significance as the centre of Hawthorn since the establishment of the Town Hall in 1861. It demonstrates the influence firstly of the railway (1882) in encouraging the development of commercial centres around railway stations, and secondly of the tramway (1913) in supporting the growth of the commercial area northwards. The precinct thus displays significant heritage elements associated with the development of Hawthorn in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, especially the land boom era following on the expansion of the railway and the Federation era expansion of the public transport system through the tramways. The construction of The Don department store indicates the importance of Glenferrie Road as a regional shopping centre. Glenferrie Road is significant as the major shopping centre in Hawthorn. (RNE Criteria A.4, D.2) Glenferrie Road commercial precinct is of aesthetic significance as a commercial, retail, civic, services and residential precinct containing examples of buildings by a number of prominent architects including a number of buildings from 1889 by architect John Beswicke and from 1889 - 1891 by Augustus Fritsch. The key buildings are set in a context of Victorian, Edwardian and Inter-war buildings that contribute to the architectural character of the precinct. (RNE Criterion E.1) Notable buildings of architectural merit

include commercial buildings such as the NAB (1917) and ANZ (c1920) banks at 637 and 687 Glenferrie Road, the former Melbourne Savings Bank (c1900) at 365 Burwood Road and the prominent former CBA bank of 1889 on the corner of Burwood Road. There are also a number of fine architect-designed retail buildings including the former Don department store of 1910, which is the work of Ward and Carleton. Glenferrie Road commercial precinct is significant for public buildings including the Hawthorn Town Hall (designed by Leonard Terry in 1861, with extensions by John Beswicke, 1889). Other public buildings include the Flemish/Romanesque Revival styled Post Office at 378 Burwood Road, the former RSL at 605 & 607 Glenferrie Road, and the Manresa kindergarten at 84 Lynch Street. Glenferrie Road commercial precinct is significant for its substantial concentration of significant places associated with the development of retailing, with a large number of contributory items from the Victorian era and including a number of significant shops constructed in the early twentieth century. Besides the former Don department store mentioned above, these include the pair of Queen Anne two storey shops at 722 & 724 Glenferrie Road; the 2- storey Federation shop at 756-758 Glenferrie Road and a number of brick and render shops at 760-764, at 768-772 Glenferrie Road, at 774 & 776 Glenferrie Road. 2A Bowen Street is a relatively intact example of a rear warehouse associated with a commercial building. Glenferrie Road commercial precinct is significant for its nineteenth century commercial and retail properties. These include the significant terrace of stuccoed Victorian shops at 730-734 Glenferrie Road and the Commercial Bank of 1892 at 633-635 Glenferrie Road. Glenferrie Road commercial precinct Hawthorn is of social significance as a centre for municipal, professional, retail and entertainment functions since the 1860s. (RNE Criterion G.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage Precinct Study (Amendment C99), Context P/L, 2012;
Other Names	Toolangi,
Hermes Number	192421
Property Number	

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