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## Location

6 HENTY STREET, PAKENHAM, CARDINIA SHIRE

## Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO227

## Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

### What is significant?

Grason, the house and garden, including trees and paths, at 6 Henty Street, Pakenham. The house was built for Edwin Smethurst in 1928-9. It is a highly intact weatherboard quadruple-fronted bungalow with an imposing hipped roof, clad in terracotta tiles. It sits within an Interwar garden setting, notable for its integrity and, in particular, for the two mature Canary Island Palms, maple and crabapple trees.

### How is it important?

Grason, the house and garden at 6 Henty Street, Pakenham are of local architectural, aesthetic and historic significance to Cardinia Shire.

### Why is it significant?

Architecturally and aesthetically significant as a highly intact and attractive representative example of its type: a middle-class town house and garden of the Interwar period. (RNE criterion D.2)

Historically, for its associations with the Smethurst family who were early selectors in the district. (RNE criterion H.1)

Construction dates 1928,

Other Names House, Canary Island Palm,

Hermes Number 201502

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

Grason is a highly intact weatherboard bungalow of 1928-29 in an Interwar garden setting. It is a wide house (quadruple-fronted) with an imposing hipped roof, clad in terracotta tiles. The left hand (east) half of the facade has a broken-back verandah which is continuous with the roof and has exposed rafter ends (as does the rest of the roof). It continues around the east side elevation. The verandah is supported on paired timber posts with narrow blade-like corner brackets. There is a high-set small window near the end of the house, and a double front door near the middle (which appears to be original). The west half of the facade is punctuated with a projecting, hipped-roof bay near the middle, with a bank of three box windows. To the right of the projecting bay is a pair of box windows. Both sets have six-over-one sashes. There are two sets of three such windows on the east elevation, beneath the verandah. On the west side elevation there is an ordinary six-over-one sash window and a high-set small window. Both have Federation-style bracketed hoods, which are a recent addition. Apart from these hoods, the house is intact. It is in excellent condition.

The house sits within a mature garden setting. The garden comprises a collection of plants and other features, including layout and pathway, characteristic of gardens of the Interwar period. Planting is largely confined to the perimeter, around a large expanse of lawn with two landmark specimen plantings of Canary Island Palm (*Phoenix canariensis*). The concrete-edged serpentine pathway has a concrete paved surface that appears to be original. The front fence is flat topped with twisted wire on a timber frame. While the fence is not original, it is sympathetic to the gardens Interwar style. Other interesting mature trees and shrubs that contribute to the gardens character are the Crabapple (*Malus* sp.) and Maple (*Acer* sp.). Together the house and garden have high integrity with a number of early elements. The garden may originally have been larger, reduced in size after 1955 when the larger holding was subdivided to its current size.

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