
H.B. THOMAS HOUSE



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Location

49 JAMES STREET, PAKENHAM, CARDINIA SHIRE

Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO281

Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

What is significant?

The house, constructed c.1933 for Herbert and Elizabeth Thomas, at 49 James Street, Pakenham is significant. This is an interwar bungalow. Asymmetrical in plan, it has a hipped corrugated iron roof that extends to form a verandah at one side of the gabled projecting bay. The verandah is supported by Tuscan columns on capped brick piers, and there is a brick balustrade. The walls are clad in weatherboards to window sill height and fibro cement above with timber shingling to the gable end. Windows are boxed, timber sash, which are paired in the main elevation. There is one brick chimney. The house has good integrity and intactness and is complemented by

an early concrete driveway at one side and curving concrete path leading to the front entrance.

How is it significant?

The former H.B. Thomas house is of local historic significance to Cardinia Shire.

Why is it significant?

It is significant for its associations with H.B. Thomas whose father, Albert, established the *Pakenham Gazette*. H.B. Thomas later became the editor of the *Gazette*, as did his son Ian Herbert. This historic connection is demonstrated by the location of the house on the original 1886 allotment that also contains the *Gazette* office (immediately to the south at 100 Main Street) and the former residence of Albert Thomas at 96-98 Main Street. (Criterion H)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Pakenham Structure Plan Heritage Review, David Helms Heritage Planning, 2017; |
| Construction dates | 1933, |
| Other Names | Review, New, Pakenham Gazette Residence, |
| Hermes Number | 201533 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

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