
Edwardian Shops



Edwardian Shops, 556-558
Glenferrie Road Hawthorn

Location

556-558 Glenferrie Road HAWTHORN, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO787

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The pair of shops at 556-558 Glenferrie Road built in 1910 for Castlemaine (and later Hawthorn) entrepreneur and grocer James Joseph Pine is significant.

How is it significant?

556-558 Glenferrie Road is of local historic, architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

The pair of two-storey shops at 556-558 Glenferrie Road Hawthorn are historically significant for their demonstration of the growth and development of Hawthorn during the Federation period, at a time when both residential and commercial areas were rapidly growing after the economic depression. The shops are historically significant for their association with grocer James Joseph Pine whose business operated from 819 Glenferrie Road (also assessed as part of this Study) and 2 Bell Street Hawthorn (also assessed as part of the Cranmore Estate & Environs Precinct as part of this Study). A successful entrepreneur from Castlemaine, Pine was a respected member of that community before relocating to Hawthorn to substantially build his business. (Criterion A)

The pair of shops at 556-558 Glenferrie Road are an excellent example of Federation commercial buildings. This class of place is well represented in Boroondara, especially in Glenferrie Road (HO491) and in Maling Road Canterbury (HO145), however this example is particularly fine architecturally as the relative simplicity of design for the period (1910) is notable. (Criterion D)

556-558 Glenferrie Road is aesthetically significant for its composition including the corner location with visible side wall to Henrietta Street. Aesthetically the recessed upper floor is enhanced by the pierced brick balustrades and arched lintels. The parapets and use of pilasters with cement rendered detail is of high quality, providing noteworthy elements to the whole composition. The shops are aesthetically significant for their retention of face red brick to the facade and unpainted cement render. Aesthetically the shops are significant for their retention of one recessed shopfront and part of the timber window frame of another. Their corner location is highly prominent in this part of Glenferrie Road, away from the main commercial area. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Municipal-Wide Heritage Gap Study Volume 3: Hawthorn, Context, 2018;
Construction dates	1910,
Hermes Number	208291
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The pair of shops at 556-558 Glenferrie Road are located near the intersection of Riversdale Road, on the corner of Henrietta Street. The two-storey shops are built with shops on the ground floor and residences above. The upper floors are recessed behind balconies with pierced brick balustrades and flat arched lintels. The parapets are shaped with multiple curved profiles and the individual shops are defined by engaged pilasters. Restrained render details in the form of a cornice and string course, panels and cappings are used to great effect highlighting the red brick walls. Upstairs are a pair of Federation style triple sash windows.

The side wall to Henrietta Street (although overpainted) and the rear of the shops are also substantial elements. Small square windows have been inserted into the side wall and it appears that a corner doorway is a later alteration to number 556. The shop window frames have been replaced at number 558 although the top-light sashes appear to be original. Number 556 retains some window frame section in moulded timber but the plate glass window is a replacement. At the angled corner, the pilasters are doubled and the balustrade returns across this element. There are two chimneys per shop at the rear of the building.

The design of the shops is similar to much of the work of architects Ward and Carleton who were active at the time and in the locality, although no tender notice has been found to substantiate this. They are enhanced by the face red brick and unpainted cement render detail.

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