
Butleigh Wootton



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Location

867 Glenferrie Road KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO201

HO150

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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HO150 Glenferrie Road Precinct, Kew

The Glenferrie Road Precinct, Kew, is an area of heritage significance for the following reasons:

-The western parts of this precinct are marked by mansion development of the Victorian period, and though some are surrounded by unsympathetic later development, a significant number of individually significant early Kew mansions survive here, albeit in some cases converted to institutional uses. This is one of three notable mansion precincts in Kew, the others being HO158 (Walmer Street) and HO162 (Sackville Street).

- The eastern section of the precinct is significant for its mixture of small and medium scale Victorian housing, much of which relates to two important 1880s estates : Edgevale and Doona Hill.

- The area has a strong visual connection with several fine assemblages of school buildings: either in its midst (Ruyton) or at its borders (Trinity, Xavier, Methodist Ladies' College).

- The area includes the former Kew civic buildings and the Sacred Heart Church and School, both in Cotham Road, the latter important to the considerable Roman Catholic heritage in the area.

- The area also includes the entire Glenferrie Road streetscape north of Barkers Road up to Wellington Street, including two of MLC's most important buildings and a mixed 1880s to interwar streetscape.

- The area includes a number of individually significant architectural designs, the majority of which are Victorian mansions.

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Physical Description 1

In the Boroondara land sale of 18 September 1851 Patrick Mornane purchased the 69 acres of Lot 73 [2] fronting onto Glenferrie Road. Subsequently, in the early 1870s, the Jesuit Fathers of East Melbourne paid Momane £10,000 for the entire property [3], thereby securing the site of Xavier College (q.v). The ongoing expense of building the college necessitated the Fathers to sell a portion of their holdings and in 1882 Thomas Maidment paid £5,750 for nine allotments along Barkly Road (now Glenferrie Road) [4]. Maidment, who had arrived in Australia from the Glastonbury district in England in 1858 [5], owned and managed a number of sheep stations in Victoria and subsequently became an '... eminently respectable ...' member of Western District society [6].

In 1883 the Rate Books list Maidment's land in Barkly Road as the 'Buxton Hill Estate' and it was given an N.A.V. of £90 [7], while in the following year his property attracted an N.A.V. of £160, suggesting that substantial improvements were taking place. Maidment's two-storey mansion, named 'Butleigh Wotton' after his birth-place in England [8], was completed in 1885 and was given an initial N.A.V. of £420 [9]. While Maidment is recorded as the owner of the building until at least 1896 [10] Jane Maidment, his wife, continued the family ownership of the twenty-six roomed house with its extensive grounds until at least 1910 [11].

The building is now used as a reception centre. It is a substantial two storeyed house built in the Italianate style common in the 1880s. Its walls are rendered and it has limited applied decoration that includes brackets to the eaves line and engaged ionic columns under a broken pediment over the front entrance. The bowed window unit is of particular distinction and is not at all typical of this type of building.

References --

1 City of Kew, Rate Books, 1885

2 *Eastern Suburbs Suinard*. 6 May 1964

3 Rogers, D., *A History of Kew*, p.142

4 *Eastern Suburbs Standard*, loc.cit,

S Kiddle, M., *Men of Yesterday*, p.212

6 *ibid.*

7 City of Kew, Rate Books, 1883

8 *Eastern Suburbs Standard*, loc.cit,

9 City of Kew, Rate Books, 1885

10 *ibid.*, 1896-1900

11 *ibid.*, 1910

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