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## RESERVE - PENDER'S PARK



Penders Park Image one



Penders park Image two



Penders Park Image three

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### Location

48A Pender Street, THORNBURY VIC 3071

### Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO290

### Heritage Listing

Darebin City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### *What is significant?*

Pender's Park, Pender's Grove, Thornbury is an interwar park set aside in 1907 with works subsequently undertaken between 1907 and 1932-33 with subsequent layers of later additional changes. The following elements contribute to the significance of the place:

- the two gateways at opposing corners of the park
- the pathway layout (not including the surface fabric)

- the form of the garden beds (not including the bluestone edging)
- the mature Silky Oaks
- the mature Canary Island Palms
- the mature Ash
- Conifers
- White Poplar
- the memorial garden and plaque
- the two mature *Corymbia maculata*; and
- the Casuarinas

Later additions to the site are not significant. These include:

- pergolas
- toilets
- park furniture including seating
- BBQs
- eucalypts and other plantings from recent council planting programs
- the bluestone edging and the pathway surfaces.

*How is it significant?*

Pender's Park in Penders Grove, Thornbury, is of local historic significance to Darebin City.

*Why is it significant?*

Historically, Pender's Park, is significant as one of only two parks acquired by Council in 1907 after a 1906 resolution to set aside parkland in the early twentieth century to secure such places in the interests of the health and recreation of present and future Northcote citizens. Pender's Park has representative significance for the evidence it provides the program of beautification of Northcote's parks associated with its jubilee celebrations in c.1932-33. Evidence includes the pathway layout, gateways, mature perimeter plantings and some mature specimen plantings. (AHC criteria A.4, D.2)

Historically, Pender's Park is also significant for its continued associations with the original 1839 Crown allotment purchased by Michael Pender, through the name of the park. (AHC criterion H.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Darebin - Darebin Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2011;

Construction dates 1907,

Hermes Number 27291

Property Number

## Physical Description 1

Pender's Park, Thornbury, is one of a small group of parks set aside as parkland in the early twentieth century as a result of a 1906 Council resolution to 'secure such places in the interests of the health and recreation of present and future Northcote citizens'. Pender's and Batman Parks were the earliest, acquired in 1907. Between 1907 and 1933, a considerable sum was spent by Council acquiring further land for parks that included Johnson Park in Bastings Street, Merri Park in St Georges Road, and Mayer Park in Leinster Grove.

Pender's Park, with Northcote Park/Oldis Gardens, Batman Park (HO166), and Johnson Park, all display a more or less similar gateway style and/or ornamentation or planting style that date from c.1932-33 and is associated with Northcote's jubilee celebrations. (The ornamentation on the gates at Northcote Park/Oldis Gardens have applied dedications from 1932-33 to earlier gates.) Like Johnson Park, little work was undertaken to 'improve' the park until after 1927. The park's remaining early plantings are similar to those observed in other parks of a similar

era Northcote parks (mentioned above). However, considerable numbers of trees later planted in or transplanted to Pender's Park and the addition of recent built structures have reduced the integrity of the place, relative to other similar parks of its era. However, in spite of later additions compromising the historic character of the park and crowding the appreciation of specimen trees set in lawn, the park retains the ability to demonstrate the principle features and characteristics of an interwar parks in Darebin that were beautified around c.1932-33 in association with the jubilee celebrations.

Unlike the other parks, Pender's Park was not renamed with the others in c.1932-33. The name of Pender's Park demonstrates the historic association of the park with the original allotment purchased from the Crown by Michael Pender in October 1839.

\*This place has also been assessed by this Study and is proposed for inclusion in the HO.

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