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# FORMER LODGE, AUSTIN HOSPITAL



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## Location

Studley Road HEIDELBERG, Banyule City

## Municipality

BANYULE CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO63

## Heritage Listing

Banyule City

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## Statement of Significance

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On the basis of the information to date, when assessed on an individual basis and in the metropolitan or state-wide context, the former Gate Lodge appears to be a building of relatively minor significance. Though by a known architect of some prominence, many more interesting examples of Beswick's work survive elsewhere in the metropolitan area, including a significant group of houses in Harcourt Street, Hawthorn, one of which - Beswick's own residence, Rotha, 29 Harcourt Street - has been added to the Victorian Heritage Register. At best, it is considered that the building might be of local significance in the Heidelberg context as one of a relatively small number of surviving Victorian residences in a suburb which was extensively developed in the early 20th century

and, more particularly, in the inter-War period.

The former Gate Lodge may be considered significant at a higher level, however, in the context of the historical evolution of the Austin Hospital complex. The building is one of the few surviving 19th century buildings on the site and marks the original main entrance to the hospital site from Studley Road. In this regard its retention on the site is considered to be essential.

[Extract: Allom Lovell & Associates. Austin Campus: Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre, Melbourne, 1997]

Heritage Study/Consultant	Banyule - Banyule Heritage Study, Allum Lovell & Associates, 1999; Banyule - Heidelberg Conservation Study, Graeme Butler and Associates, 1985;
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## Historical Australian Themes

The Austin Hospital was established in 1882 through the beneficence of Mrs Thomas Austin. The hospital's original charter was to care for those suffering from 'incurable diseases', but this was expanded greatly in the 20th century. The word 'incurable' was dropped from the name of the hospital and it moved to keep pace with developments in all areas of medicine and other related fields.

## Usage/Former Usage

Original: Gate Lodge

Current: Creche

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Physical Description 1

**BUILDINGS:** The former Austin Hospital lodge is an asymmetrically planned, single storey building, of polychrome brick construction with a rendered plinth, with slated gambrel roofs and bracketed eaves. Window bays have bracketed slate roofs. Cast iron ridge finials survive on the main roof. String courses are of brown brick and window voussiors are of yellow brick, and the red brick chimneys have rendered moulded cappings and terracotta pots. **LANDSCAPE:** See Former Marian Drummond Nurses' Home.

## Intactness

Good

## Physical Description 2

Government Reserve

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