
23 Isabella Grove

Location

23 Isabella Grove HAWTHORN, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO163

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Significance of Individual Property

1. The former "St. James", built for Dr. Fritz Piepers , president of the German Association, in 1885, from the designs of the German architect, J.A.B. Koch, has historical significance as the home of the Koch family from the turn of the century until the WW1 period . It has historical importance for its associations with W.A. Brahe, German Consul, and with his daughter, Sabina, Piepers' wife. Both No. 21 (formerly "Frisia") and 23 Isabella Grove were designed by Koch and owned by him in 1899 and then by Brahe.
2. Architecturally significant as a simple but gracious villa from the hand of J.A.B. Koch, illustrating Koch's fine use of cast iron and the elegant proportions of his composition.
3. An important component of the St. James Park estate.

HO163 St James Park Estate, Hawthorn

The St. James Park Estate, Hawthorn, is an area of heritage significance for the following reasons:

- The place is a Victorian-era mansion estate, developed in the second half of thenineteenth century as Melbourne's wealthier residents sought accommodation away from industry and the cramped living conditions of

the inner-city, in a more physically desirable location, but still close to the city. Several of the streets offer broad views of Richmond and Hawthorn East.

- The place contains an exceptional number of individual buildings of historical and architectural merit including Victorian-era mansions as well as large Federation and interwar-era dwellings. Individually significant buildings include Invergowrie and its gate lodge, the Glucksburg trio, Hawthorn House and Zetland.

-The place has important historical associations with Sir James Palmer who erected Burwood (now Invergowrie), and George Coppin who subdivided and sold the area in 1871-1982.

- The place is representative of the growth of Hawthorn as a Victorian garden suburb from the 1850s up until to the interwar period.

-Development in the area also reflected its proximity to rail links (from the early 1860s) and the development of the tram network (c. 1912-3).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage Study, Meredith Gould Conservation Architects, 1993; Boroondara - Review of Heritage Overlay Precinct Citations, Lovell Chen P/L, Architects & Heritage Consultants, 2006;
Hermes Number	63292
Property Number	

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