

Edwardian Shops, 556-558 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn Statement of Significance, August 2020

Heritage Place: 556-558 Glenferrie Road,
Hawthorn

PS ref no: HO787



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 façade 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)

Primary source

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