

Victorian Heritage Database Report

SHERWOOD HOUSE IVANHOE BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**Location:**

41 The Ridgeway IVANHOE, BANYULE CITY

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Number: HO69

Listing Authority: Banyule City

Statement of Significance:

Ivanhoe House is of considerable local architectural (including landscape) and historical significance. The house predates the suburb of Ivanhoe, containing Ivanhoe Village within the original 1840 holding. It is also associated with John Greenaway, who built the first Ivanhoe hotel and John Young who became nationally famous.

Description

The 1840s and 1850s saw patchy settlement and development in the Banyule district, with an emphasis on rural sized land holdings and pastoral and agricultural activities. In the southern parts of the City of Banyule, a good deal of land was taken up by gentlemen farmers, who built large and relatively palatial country villas on land which remained within easy commuting distance. John Young, owner of the Ivanhoe Hotel, built the first section of Ivanhoe House, while leasing the bulk of the land to tenant farmers.

Original use: Residence

Current use: School

Good

BUILDINGS: Sherwood House is a large Italianate style, two-storey residence with hipped slated roofs with bracketed eaves. Rendered externally, the house is asymmetrically composed featuring a square tower and later circular tower, semi-circular arched and rectangular double-hung sashes, bracketed eaves and rendered chimney stacks with moulded cappings. The facades are articulated by moulded string courses and rendered moulded architraves. **LANDSCAPE:** What remains of the original garden consists of a number of mature trees, and a terrace to the rear of Sherwood House. The terrace features bluestone retaining walls topped with a white painted balustrade. A number of cast iron urns were placed along the balustrade, but only one is extant; a set of steps leads to the wider school yard.

Of the remnant trees, notable specimens include a row of Himalayan Cedar (*Cedrus deodara*) to the north of Sherwood House, a number of Lombardy Poplar (*Populus nigra* 'Italica') and Monterey Pine (*Pinus radiata*). Specimen trees include a large Lillypilly (*Acmena smithii*), directly behind Sherwood House, as well as Illawarra Flame Tree (*Brachychiton acerifolium*), Camphor Laurel (*Cinnamomum camphora*), Honey Locust (*Gleditsia tricanthos*) and Bunya Pine (*Araucaria bidwillii*) all located to the north. It is not clear if all these trees are associated with the original garden, or nearby gardens.

The landscape is significant for the remnant trees scattered throughout the grounds, which are associated with the early Ivanhoe property. The terracing at the rear is also a notable landscape element within the municipality, reflecting a formal, man-made landscape feature.

Good

Thomas Walker, 12/9/1838, Part of Crown Portion 1

Heritage Study / Consultant	Banyule - Banyule Heritage Study, Allum Lovell & Associates, 1999; Banyule - Heidelberg Conservation Study, Graeme Butler and Associates, 1985
Construction Date Range	1864 - 1868
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	BANYULE CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	31451
Property number	

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