

PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

ADDRESS

26 Shakespeare Grove

TYPE

- Single Residence
- Shop
- Office
- Landscape feature
- View
- Multiple Unit Res.
- Outbuildings
- Industrial Building
- Public building
- Other

TITLE

EXISTING DESIGNATION

HBR [ ] GBR [ ] AHC [ ] NT [ ] VAS [ ]

STREETSCAPE LEVEL

1 [ ] 2 [X] 3 [ ]  
SIGNIFICANT [ ] SIGNIFICANT [X]  
STREET TREES KERB & GUTTERS

GRADING

A [ ] B [ ] C [X] D [ ] E [ ]  
KEYNOTE BUILDING [ ]

RECOMMENDED FOR

HBR/GBR [ ] AHC [ ] URBAN CONSERVATION AREA [X]  
VAS [ ] PLANNING SCHEME PROTECTION [X]  
CULTURAL LANDSCAPE [ ] OTHER [ ]

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Title  
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THEME

- Early Settlement
- Mansions
- Victorian Garden Suburb
- Municipal dev.
- 1870s growth
- Garden villas
- Working enclaves
- Commercial Centres
- Edwardian Prosperity
- Interwar Housing
- Flats and Offices

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Date 1888  
Architect  
Builder  
Elements



- Contributing garden
- Landmark tree
- Original or early hard landscape layout
- Original or early fence

NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE

See attached

INTEGRITY Good [ ] Fair [X] Poor [ ]  
CONDITION Good [X] Fair [ ] Poor [ ]

Note: new verandah

CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

Associated significant garden [ ]

## 26 SHAKESPEARE GROVE

### History

Walter Henry Serle, Secretary, was listed in the 1887-88 Hawthorn rate book as the owner of vacant land, 277 feet, in Shakespeare Grove, NAV 47 pounds.<sup>29</sup> This was the site of the substantial two-storeyed residence at 26 Shakespeare Grove. The following year, 1888-89, Serle was rated for a house with an NAV of 12 pounds.<sup>30</sup> This building was identified in 1889 as a nine-roomed brick house owned and occupied by Serle.<sup>31</sup> Its valuation rose to 130 pounds in 1890, when Serle was listed as an ironmonger.<sup>32</sup> However, like many Victorians who became prosperous during the 1880s boom years, Serle was declared bankrupt in the 1890s depression era. He was named in the Secret Compositions of 1892, a list of secret insolvencies, as owing 10,541 pounds to his creditors of which he agreed to pay back sixpence in the pound.<sup>33</sup>

A new verandah was added recently.<sup>34</sup>

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29. Hawthorn R.B. Western Division. 1887-88 No. 31.

30. Ibid. 1888-89 No. 983; Gwen McWilliam, "Burwood Park", 1988, p.123.

31. Hawthorn R.B. 1889-90 No. 1053.

32. Ibid. 1890-91 No. 1075.

33. Michael Cannon, *The Land Boomers*, p.393.

34. Information supplied by Gwen McWilliam, March 1992.