

PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

ADDRESS

William Street

TYPE

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

TITLE

Hawthorn Community House

EXISTING DESIGNATION

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

STREETSCAPE LEVEL

1 [ ] 2 [x] 3 [ ]  
SIGNIFICANT [ ] SIGNIFICANT [ ]  
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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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 1889-1890.  
Architect  
Builder John Holzer  
Elements brickmaker



- 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 [ ]

CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

Associated significant garden [ ]

## WILLIAM STREET

### HAWTHORN COMMUNITY HOUSE PART OF CENTRAL GARDENS

#### History

This house was most probably one of a row of brick houses at 23-33 William Street (east side) constructed in 1889-90 for Mrs. Annie Holzer, believed to be the wife of the well-known Hawthorn brickmaker, John Holzer.<sup>14</sup> Mrs. Holzer's William Street houses were described in that year as two three-roomed brick houses, three four-roomed brick houses, a six-roomed brick house and a five-roomed brick house. Their NAVs ranged from 26 - 36 pounds and they were tenanted by a draper, a painter, a clerk, accountant and secretary, and two women employed in domestic duties.<sup>15</sup> The previous year, 1888-89, the site of these houses was vacant land owned by Mrs. Annie Holzer.<sup>16</sup> An earlier house to the south of the row, owned by John Holzer and listed as 35 William Street,<sup>17</sup> had disappeared by the turn of the century when its site was indicated in the Melbourne Directory as "Hawthorn Council, Depot and Gardens". At this date the houses at 23-33 still remained.<sup>18</sup> However, today, only the Community House remains as the sole survivor of the Holzer row of brick houses.

#### Significance

This 1880s building has historical significance for its associations with the Holzers, a well-known family of pioneer brickmakers in Hawthorn. This family's involvement in one of Hawthorn's earliest and most important local industries is well-documented. Old clayfields are indicated near William Street on the Central Gardens site in turn-of-the-century MMBW drainage plans. The Hawthorn Community House has significance, also, for its associations with the Central Gardens, reputedly established in 1888 after the transfer of land from the Holzers to Hawthorn Council.

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<sup>14</sup>. Hawthorn RB 1889-90. Nos. 3032-3038.

<sup>15</sup>. Ibid.

<sup>16</sup>. Ibid. 1888-89. No. 2704 (NAV ten pounds).

<sup>17</sup>. Ibid. 1883-84 No. 1063 (NAV 30 pounds).

<sup>18</sup>. MMBW drainage plan Hawthorn No. 55 (1901). According to information supplied by Gwen McWilliam the Central Gardens were established c1888 after transfer of land from the Holzers to Hawthorn Council.