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# 189 Auburn Road



Review of C\* Grade Buildings  
in the Former City of  
Hawthorn

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## Location

189 Auburn Road HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO433

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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The house at 189 Auburn Road, Hawthorn, is of local historical and architectural significance as a fine and relatively externally intact Victorian villa which displays all the hallmarks of the mode, including richly patterned polychrome brickwork, bracketed hipped slate roof, and heavy cast iron verandah. While not necessarily an uncommon type in Boroondara, 189 Auburn Road, Hawthorn is an elegant and assured composition featuring a rigorous application of polychrome patterned brickwork and fine decorative features. It is enhanced by its

grouping with the matching villas at 191 and 193 Auburn Road, the three sharing a high level of integrity and fine detailing.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Boroondara - Review of C* Grade Buildings in the Former City of Hawthorn, Lovell Chen Architects & Heritage Consultants, 2006; Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage Study, Meredith Gould Conservation Architects, 1993; |
| Hermes Number             | 14535                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Property Number           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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## Physical Description 1

No 189 Auburn Road, Hawthorn, is one of three essentially identical large single-storey double-fronted Victorian villas constructed as a group. The hipped roof is clad with slate and features bracketed eaves and a pair of polychrome brick chimneys with moulded caps. Of Hawthorn brick construction, the essentially symmetrical facade displays rigorous polychrome patterning. A central entrance contains a panelled timber door with glazed surrounds and is flanked by two paired window openings with timber-framed double-hung sashes. The facade and south elevation are screened by a return verandah with ogee corrugated galvanised steel roof, cast iron Corinthian columns, frieze and brackets and diaper-pattern marble floor. The verandah return is terminated by a projecting bay and provides access to a side entrance.

The frontage has a non-original picket fence and gates and contemporary, yet sympathetic, landscape. It would appear that rear alterations and additions have been carried out, however the house appears externally intact when viewed from the street.[i]

[i] As viewed in an aerial photograph of the area, City of Boroondara, 2004.

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