
El Paso



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

294 Cotham Road KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO290

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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El Paso, at 294 Cotham Road, Kew, is of local historical and architectural significance as a fine, impressive, and externally intact example of the Spanish Colonial Mission applied to a conventional hipped roof rectangular pavilion house form. While compositionally somewhat staid when compared with the better metropolitan examples of the style, *El Paso* is distinguished by its intactness (including original fence) and is complemented by its garden setting.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Review of B Graded Buildings in Kew, Camberwell and Hawthorn, Lovell Chen Architects & Heritage Consultants, 2006; Boroondara - City of Kew Urban Conservation Study, Pru Sanderson Design Pty Ltd, 1988;
Other Names	El Paso,
Hermes Number	14608
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

El Paso, named after a city and former mission in southern Texas, is a substantial brick house with Mediterranean and in particular Spanish Mission details, placed transverse on a large site and marked so with a long hipped roof in terracotta tiles in a Marseilles pattern. The walls are brick and covered in textured stucco. The windows are a series of sashes generally separated by mullions with spiral patterned columns, with some of the windows directly arched or with blind arches above, forming Serlian window patterns.

The front, facing Cotham Road, has a projecting parapet wall defined with a smooth stuccoed border, composed around a central semicircular moulding. This projecting part, a breakfront, effectively, contains a porch and some room space behind it, the porch being expressed with a pair of open full-height arches, counterbalanced by two glazed arches at the other end.

The house appears to be intact, with few works recorded in the Council records consulted. A swimming pool was added in 1981, decking - presumably to the rear - was added in 2004, and the house was restumped.[i]

The garden appears largely contemporary with the house, and is marked by several large trees offsetting the house composition carefully, and a placement of lower, darker shrubs to heighten a sense of light increasing at the surfaces of the original house. The fence, a low brick wall strengthened with piers, is clad in textured stucco and appears to be original.

[i] Details sourced from the City of Kew Building Index, #8988, dated 23 February 1981 (swimming pool); the City of Boroondara Building Index, BS-1255 20047648/0, dated 8 September 2004 (decking), and # BS-1068/990340/0, dated 12 March 1999 (restumping).

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