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## 53 Harp Road



Review of B Graded Buildings  
in Kew, Camberwell &  
Hawthorn

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### Location

53 Harp Road KEW EAST, Boroondara City

### Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO309

### Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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### Statement of Significance

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53 Harp Road, Kew, is of local historical and architectural significance as a representative and externally relatively intact, albeit late, example of a corner bay type of suburban bungalow, featuring a simple and dominant roof form placed above a front elevation of central door and porch and three-quarter circular corner bay, with a pyramidal roof with corner strut. While a simple and restrained composition, the house has a commanding presence on this irregular corner site.

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;
Hermes Number	14627
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## Physical Description 1

The house at 53 Harp Road, East Kew is a single-storey interwar bungalow of brick construction on a square plan on a prominent corner siting. A low-slung hipped roof has a pyramidal structure which extends out to a bracketed strut form at the south-east corner, highlighting a semi-circular planned bay window; further west, at the centre of the principal elevation, it is supported by a pair of stone piers which define the recessed main entrance porch. The roof is finished with non-original glazed terracotta tiles and features tall plain brick chimneys and exposed rafters. The principal south and east elevations display a roughcast rendered finish on a clinker brick plinth with matching string course, whereas the other elevations have an overpainted brick finish. Fenestration is generally arranged in long bays with timber-framed casement sash box frames and leadlight glazing, which further enhances the overall horizontality of the design.

Rear alterations and additions carried out in the 1980s and 1990s are visible from the side street.[i]

The front and side fences retain sections of low stone wall and piers with non-original red brick piers and timber pickets and the original garden has been largely replanted with native vegetation.

[i] Drawings sourced from the City of Kew Building Index, #4615, dated 4 September 1989 and Building Permit no. 7070, dated 1 April 1996, City of Boroondara Building File 40/408/19594, Part 1.

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