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# Birralie



Review of B Graded Buildings  
in Kew, Camberwell &  
Hawthorn

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## Location

52 Walpole Street KEW, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO352

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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*Birralie*, at 52 Walpole Street, Kew, is of local historical and architectural significance as a fine and relatively externally intact example of a Federation attic storey house of the early twentieth century, which suggests a shift from formally complex Federation architecture toward a simplified bungalow form. It is an ably composed design in this simplified Federation Bungalow mode, marked by a new planar emphasis in its roof and

bay detailing and a lively, satisfying proportional relationship between its roof and integral verandah, and its bargeboard, projecting rafter and verandah post treatments.

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;
Construction dates	1907,
Other Names	Birralie,
Hermes Number	14671
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

*Birralie* at 52 Walpole Street, Kew, is an attic-storey Edwardian villa of red face brick in a transitional mode between the Federation and later attic-bungalow styles. The expansive hipped roof is clad with Marseilles-pattern terracotta tile and features exposed rafters, gabled and hipped attic dormers and tall red face brick chimneys with roughcast rendered caps and terracotta pots; the gable ends are shingle-clad with louvered vents. The roof extends in a bellcast form to encompass a deep return verandah at the south-west corner supported by turned timber posts, which are clad to dwarf wall height by shingled weatherboards. The asymmetrical composition addresses its corner siting however the principal facade is to the west with a secondary elevation to the north. The main elevations display tuckpointed red face brick with a rendered dado moulding and roughcast rendered frieze. Located centrally in the west elevation is the main entrance which comprises a half-glazed panelled timber door with matching fan and sidelights and wrought iron screen door. The fenestration is irregular but generally comprises bays of timber-framed casement sashes with leadlight highlights with canted bays in the north and west elevation which have bracketed canopies. Alterations appear to have been confined to the rear, interior and attic spaces of the house and include a detached garage.[i]

The timber picket fence and gate is non-original, replacing an earlier non-original brick fence[ii] and the landscape contains some mature plantings such as a large *Liquidambar* among more contemporary planting.

[i] Details sourced from the City of Kew Building Index, #1167, dated 19 March 1967; #9386, dated 21 September 1981; #4578, dated 11 August 1989; and #5701, dated 28 August 1991.

[ii] Building Permit no. BR197/52509, dated 16 June 1997, City of Boroondara Building File 40/408/02453. Other details sourced from the City of Kew Building Index, #728, dated 18 December, 1957; #1228, dated 24 August 1984; and #2349, dated 11 June 1986.

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