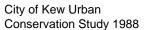
# **Kew Post Office**







City of Kew Urban Conservation Study 1988

#### Location

186 High Street KEW, BOROONDARA CITY

## Municipality

**BOROONDARA CITY** 

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0885

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

**HO68** 

## **Heritage Listing**

Boroondara City

## **Statement of Significance**

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The Kew Post Office, Court House and Police Station are of significance as one of the most impressive groups of public buildings in Victoria, for their successful and early use of the English vernacular free style, and as a

landmark in Kew on one of its most prominent sites.

Heritage Boroondara - Kew Junction Commercial Heritage Study, Lovell Chen, 2012;

Study/Consultant

Boroondara - City of Kew Urban Conservation Study, Pru Sanderson Design Pty Ltd,

1988;

Architect/Designer Harvey, JH,

Other Names Former Kew Post Office,

Hermes Number 22346

**Property Number** 

## **Physical Description 1**

Erected under the supervision of G.W. Watson20, this complex of public buildings includes the Kew Post Office which was opened in 188821. They are unified in design and combine to form one of the most impressive complexes of public buildings in Victoria. They are built in the English vernacular free style in red brick and render, with render banding and ornamentation defining the edges of the buildings with quoining and pilasters, and the openings with architraves and ornamentation. The roofs are in slate, with the Court House having a terracotta ridge capping, while all three have red brick chimneys with strapwork and corbelling. In using the English vernacular free style, these buildings were one of the first to adopt this style and were an influential precursor to Edwardian architecture. Post Office Police Station

References --

18 Trethowan, B., 'The Public Works Department of Victoria: 1851-1900'

19 ibid.

20 National Trust of Aust. (Vic), 'Post Office, CourtHouse and Police Station...', September 18 1986

21 ibid., 'History of the Kew Post Office'

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