238, 240, 242 and 244 Barkers Road

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

Location

238, 240, 242 and 244 Barkers Road HAWTHORN, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO437

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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The following statement applies to the group of terraces at nos 238-244 Barkers Road, Hawthorn.

The group of late 1880s terraces at Nos. 238-244 Barkers Road, Hawthorn, is of historical and architectural significance at a local level. The group is a striking quartet on a prominent street, and comparatively rare as a building type in this part of Hawthorn. The group shares a lively parapet treatment, with the lightness and floral

detailing of the parapets well matched to the solid, robust wing wall bosses and bichrome patterning on the walls. The verandah lacework is also unusually generally consistent across all four.

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; Boroondara - Municipal-Wide Heritage Gap Study Volume 3: Hawthorn, Context, 2018;
Construction dates	1888,
Hermes Number	14539
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

No 238 Barkers Road, Hawthorn, is the westernmost building in a group of four two-storey 1880s terraces. The four are built in two semi-detached pairs separated by a narrow easement (c. 1m) and facing Methodist Ladies' College, on Barkers Road. No 238 is next to a service station and convenience store. The west facade, which has a high degree of visibility, is overpainted brick, with a lean-to addition lit by two large skylights up against its west side paling fence. A two-storey garage and studio was placed transversely across the rear of its site in 2001. A walled patio has been added to the rear of the second storey. The roof has been clad, fairly recently, in corrugated galvanized iron in a silver finish, and the gutters and spouting have been recently renewed. The front fence is high (c.2.6m), timber framed and base plated, and clad in Mini-Orb galvanized iron sheeting, which forms a motif in the more recent additions. The Barkers Road facade retains its original exposed bichrome brick, cream and umber, with stepped quoin patterns around the windows and cruciform motifs on the wing wall ends. The verandah, balcony and parapet are all framed by bosses in a stilted, round-topped shape, bracketed on scroll consoles. The verandah friezes are in a floral cast iron lace, and the balustrade is in a light and elegant cast iron pattern with thin balusters placed closely together and framed by floral patterns at the rail and foot of the balustrade. The front door and its sidelights, and the ground floor front window, are not currently visible from Barkers Road. The upstairs balustrade is bisected by a cast-iron column, continuing a central column placement on the ground-floor verandah. The first floor windows contain non-original French doors with squared fanlights above, set within what appears to be the original overall window form (opening). The verandah roof is concave, as with no 240 alongside, and is painted in alternating stripes. The parapet is a combined frieze, cornice and balustrade with a central bell-cast moulding enclosing a petalled flower image in relief; it has been picked out in various colours. A floral moulding tops the bell-cast lunette, and is supported on either side by floral consoles. The parapet balustrade is topped at either end by pedestals (minus their urns) and the balustrade itself is a masonry lattice interspersed with paneled piers. A half-ogee cornice links the parapet to both the wing-walls.

Various brick outbuildings were demolished in 1992, allowing rear additions including a sunroom (1993-8).[i] The lean-to was added, along with various living room and kitchen changes and a new garage with a studio immediately above it, in 2001. These were completed in a mixture of rendered brickwork, and Mini- Orb (on the balcony and landing walling). Mini-Orb was also specified for the studio's transverse walling, but appears to have been either replaced or overlaid with weatherboard.[ii] A high wall sign was added in 2002-3.[iii]

No 240 Barkers Road, Hawthorn, has a generally similar parapet, verandah roof, galvanized iron main roof and front to no 238, but its front facade has been fully overpainted. The lacework on the upstairs balcony is of a different grain to that on the neighbouring terraces (it may be a replacement). The concave verandah soffit is the same as for no 238. The main ground floor window is flat-headed, with a central double-hung sash of full width and two narrow sidelights. This would presumably parallel that on no 238 (not visible from Barkers Road). The first floor window treatment is as for no 238. The property has a high fence, painted, with pointed and butted palings, which is of relatively recent origin. The front path and verandah surface have been concreted at some stage. The front door appears original, although its flanking glass has been renewed with plain sheets. The

original door sidelights appear to have been removed from all the visible door cases in this group (nos 240, 242, 244) at various stages. No 240 gained a rear sun deck to its east side in 1989 and a glazed atrium over the sun deck in 1996. These additions flank its kitchen and meals area.[iv]

The upper central verandah columns on both nos 238 and 240 are simple timber posts, and may have replaced cast iron posts. The lower verandah post on 240 has a long timber impost and plain timber lower post that may also be replacements.

[i] Details sourced from City of Hawthorn Building Index, Permit #124/92, dated 18 March 1992.

[ii] Drawings sourced from the City of Boroondara Building File40/408/04591, Peter Gilbertson Consulting, dated April 2001.

[iii] Planning Permit BOR/09869, dated 24 October 1995, City of Boroondara Planning File 109938; Planning Permit BOR/01/00097, dated 2 May 2001 and amended 8 May 2001 and 29 June 2001, City of Boroondara Planning File 40/409/07709; Planning Permit PP02/00247, dated 19 March 2003, City of Boroondara Planning File 40/409/07709.

[iv] Details sourced from City of Hawthorn Building Index, Permit #6424, dated 19 may 1989; #9869, dated 18 October 1995; #5819, dated 31 October 1995; City of Boroondara Building File 40/408/000500.

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