
Prospect House



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

Location

75 Lisson Grove HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO459

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Prospect House, 75 Lisson Grove, Hawthorn, is of local historical and architectural significance. It is a very substantial, double-fronted, double-storey Italianate villa of brick construction on an essentially symmetrical plan. It is one of a group of similar large houses built on generous sites in Hawthorn in the latter decades of the nineteenth century, although it differs from the more usual two-storeyed pattern in having its canted bay restricted to a single unit on one side under the verandah. It also retains, somewhat unusually, a still generous garden

setting. The original component of the building is comparatively intact externally.

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;
Other Names	Prospect House,
Hermes Number	14562
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Prospect House at 75 Lisson Grove, Hawthorn, is a very substantial, double-fronted, double-storey Italianate villa of brick construction on an essentially symmetrical plan, and set in a generous landholding. The hipped roof is finished with slate and it would appear that some of the chimneys have probably been removed; those remaining towards the rear of the house are probably not original and are constructed of overpainted brick. The facade displays tuckpointed bichrome brickwork, with window and door openings highlighted by the lighter brick work (including segmental arches), whereas the side walls are finished with overpainted render. A double-height verandah with corrugated galvanized steel skillion roof features fluted timber posts, non-original cast iron balustrade, frieze and brackets, and the floor has been refinished with new tessellated tiles. The central entrance contains a panelled timber door with arched fanlight and stained glass surrounds. It is flanked on the west side by a canted bay and all window openings contain conventional timber-framed double-hung sashes. In the east side elevation, relating to the front room, there is a small timber-framed canted bay window.

The property has been extensively renovated, including additions assumed to have been made during the Marist Brothers period of ownership.[i] A number of alterations and works were also made during the 1980s, including demolition of outbuildings, construction of a cabana, works to the verandah (including replacement of the verandah materials), construction of a detached garage in the front garden, and introduction of a swimming pool.[ii] More recent alterations include the mini-orb steel and timber fence and gates.

[i] The footprint of the house, particularly towards the rear, has been altered since it was recorded on Melbourne & Metropolitan Board of Works plan #56, scale 1":160', dated 1901, and Metropolitan Board of Works Detail Plan #1484, scale 1":40', dated 1903. This is evidenced in aerial photographs of the area prepared in 2004 for the City of Boroondara.

[ii] City of Hawthorn Building Index, Permit #3906 (2413) dated 21 May 1986; Permit# 5851 (4753) dated 28 September 1988; Permit # 6008 (5116) dated 22 November 1988; Permit #6129 (5350) dated 28 December 1988; Permit #6169 dated 24 January 1989.

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