
Hallbower



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

Location

83 Lisson Grove HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO460

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Hallbower, 83 Lisson Grove, Hawthorn, is of historical and architectural significance at a local level. It is a well executed and generally externally intact example of a substantial two-storey Italianate villa, of a type which was popular in Hawthorn and the broader Boroondara area in the latter decades of the nineteenth century. The handsome facade and south and east sides of the house have some considerable streetscape presence and prominence, not least of all due to the comparatively shallow front setback of the dwelling, and the retention of

the original east side garden setback.

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	Hallbower,
Hermes Number	14563
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Hallbower, at 83 Lisson Grove, Hawthorn, is a double-fronted double-storey Victorian villa of brick construction on an asymmetrical plan with Italianate styling. It has a hipped slate roof with bracketed eaves and rendered chimneys with moulded caps. The principal (south) facade displays an overpainted rendered finish with overpainted brickwork elsewhere and features a double-height canted bay to the western side. The facade and east side elevation are screened by a double-height return verandah which features a dentilled cornice, cast iron Corinthian columns, balustrade, frieze and brackets which extend in a canted form around the bay window; it is unclear if the verandah floor retains an original finish. The centrally-placed arched entrance contains a panelled timber door with a fanlight and sidelights, and moulded archivolt surrounds which merge with a moulded frieze extending across the ground floor facade. The ground floor window openings continue the arched head and moulded archivolt treatment, whereas the first floor windows have conventional straight heads. All windows contain timber-framed double-hung sashes.

With the exception of the front fence (a painted rendered brick wall) and an altered window opening at first floor level in the west side elevation, the house appears to be substantially externally intact. While the house is very close to the neighbouring boundaries, suggesting previous subdivision, and as indicated above, an MMBW plan prepared in 1901 indicates that the house has always occupied a small allotment, relative to the size of the building.[i]

[i] Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works survey plan no. 56, scale 1":160', dated 1901.

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