
Belmont



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

161 Cotham Road KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO284

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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161 Cotham Street, Kew is of local historical and architectural significance as a representative and externally relatively intact example of a substantial single-storey Victorian Italianate brick villa, prominently sited on a corner block. The house retains some early fabric associated with a rear service wing and stable (albeit partly altered and/or overbuilt) together with original or early gateposts and gate.

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	1891,
Hermes Number	14600
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The house at 161 Cotham Road, Kew, is a substantial single-storey double-fronted Italianate villa of brick construction on an asymmetrical plan. The decorative slate-clad hipped roof features bracketed eaves and bichrome brick chimneys with moulded caps, while the service wings have corrugated galvanised steel roofs. The facade displays tuckpointed bichrome brickwork with red face brick elsewhere. It is screened by a cast iron return verandah with bullnosed corrugated galvanised steel roof supported by Corinthian columns with frieze and brackets which is flanked at each end by a projecting bay; the verandah floor retains a bluestone edge and steps, however the original tiles have been replaced with concrete. The main entrance contains a 6-panel timber door with etched glass surround and consoled transom. Each projecting bay contains a canted bay window with timber-framed double-hung sashes with single and paired fenestration elsewhere.

Extensive rear wings are constructed along the eastern and northern property boundaries, and these appear to incorporate substantial early fabric associated with the former kitchen wing and stable shown on MMBW plans of the area dated c.1904.[i] The rear wings are partly visible from the side street, however closer inspection is required to clarify this.

Amongst other more minor changes, internal alterations and rear additions were carried out in 1960, 1970, 1972 and 1994,[ii] none of which are visible from Cotham Road and, as such, the frontage remains externally intact.

The front and side fences are non-original timber paling fences which flank a corner entrance containing an early, if not original cast iron gate with trellis work posts.

[i] MMBW Plan No.65, Kew, scale 160':1", dated c. 1904.

[ii] Details sourced from the City of Kew Building Index, #711, dated 7 June 1960; #1967, dated 29 June 1970; #3345, dated 28 June 1972; and #1078, dated 21 July, 1994.

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