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# 167 Cotham Road



Review of B Graded Buildings  
in Kew, Camberwell &  
Hawthorn

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## Location

167 Cotham Road KEW, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO285

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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167 Cotham Road, Kew, is of local historical and architectural significance. The house is of historical significance as the residence for several years in the late 1910s and into the 1920s of William Morris Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia (1915-1922). A good and generally externally intact example of a brick residence of the late Federation period, the house is of additional architectural interest and significance for its juxtaposition of a relatively conventional Federation design with a signature entry porch that draws together elements of both the

## Art Nouveau and the contemporary Baroque Revival.

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;
Hermes Number	14601
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### Physical Description 1

The house at 167 Cotham Road, Kew, is a single-storey double-fronted Federation-style villa of brick construction on an asymmetrical plan. The hipped and gabled slate-clad roof has terracotta ridge cresting and overpainted brick chimneys. The facade has tuckpointed brickwork and features a distinctive centrally-placed square porch with parapeted walls, Art Nouveau styling, tessellated floor and wide arched openings. The porch is flanked by a gabled projecting bay with canted bay window, shingle cladding and timber-framed casement sashes with multi-paned highlight sashes. The opposing side is flanked by a return verandah with bullnosed corrugated galvanised steel roof supported by turned timber posts with timber fretwork frieze and balustrade, which terminates short of a second projecting bay. The entrance contains a half-glazed panelled timber door with leadlight surrounds, arched head and wrought iron screen and the fenestration is irregular with mostly timber-framed casement sashes. Rear additions constructed around 1996 are visible from the side lane, however the house appears otherwise externally intact as viewed from the street.

The timber paling fence and gate are not original.

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