
2 Daracombe Avenue



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

2 Daracombe Avenue KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO293

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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2 Daracombe Avenue, Kew, is of local historical and architectural significance as a fine, representative and externally intact example of a substantial two-storey interwar Old English / Tudor-style residence, which retains a sympathetic setting including its original fence. The house is a skilled and picturesque composition which has considerable streetscape presence.

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	14611
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The house at 2 Daracombe Avenue, Kew, is a substantial two-storey interwar Old English / Tudor-style house of clinker brick construction and asymmetrical planning and massing. The broad gabled roof is finished with terracotta shingles and gable ends are clad with hung terracotta tiles with louvred eyelid gable vents. The roofscape comprises intersecting gables relieved by pyramidal dormers and is punctuated by handsome brick chimneys with paired shafts, corbelled brickwork and terracotta pots. Owing to the siting, the house is viewed from the west and north and, as such, has two principal elevations which generally display clinker brick augmented by sections of imitation half timbering and brick nogging to second floor areas and dormer windows. The main entrance is set within a projecting bay in the west elevation, fronting Daracombe Avenue, however is obscured from view. Fenestration is irregular and consists of singular and grouped timber-framed double-hung sash windows generally with diaper leadlight sashes; the exception being the first floor areas of a large projecting wing on the north elevation which are bays of timber-framed multi-paned sliding sashes.

To the north-west of the house is a brick triple garage, constructed and detailed to match the house, though most likely dating from c. 1955-56. The property is surrounded by an original low fence of clinker brick with privet hedge, wrought iron panels and gates; the pedestrian gate features a wrought iron arbour and coach lamp. The house appears to be externally intact to its date of construction with alterations probably restricted to a timber-framed garage, a brick garage and paving of a swimming pool.[i]

[i] City of Camberwell Building Index, #795, dated 8 February, 1950 (garage); #127, dated 14 November 1955 (brick garage); and #41, dated 3 September 1962 (pave concrete swimming pool).

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