
2 Gellibrand Street



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

2 Gellibrand Street KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO303

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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2 Gellibrand Street, Kew is of local historical and architectural significance as a fine example of a substantial two-storey boom-style Victorian Italianate residence, albeit altered through the removal of its original verandah. The house deviates from the more conventional examples of two-storey asymmetrical Italianate residences of the period through the use of a flat gable-ended treatment to its projecting bay (as compared with the more common canted bay and hipped roof form). The curved drip moulding over the front wing windows is also of interest.

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	14621
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The house at 2 Gellibrand Street, Kew, is a large Victorian Italianate villa of brick construction and an asymmetrical composition. The hipped and gabled slate roof has bracketed eaves and overpainted brick chimneys with moulded caps. The gable end contains a circular vent with decorative cast iron cover. The facade comprises a break-fronted composition of two bays, one projecting. The recessed bay was originally screened by a verandah which has since been removed. Though the original form of the verandah is not clear, physical evidence suggests that the original verandah was single storey which was subsequently remodelled as a two-storey structure, but by 1988 was single-storey with balcony above. This was then removed altogether and replaced with a small porch.[i] The bluestone entrance steps remain and the verandah floor is bordered by a simple non-original balustrade comprising the truncated bases of turned timber posts and timber handrail. The facade is of overpainted render which originally had a ruled ashlar finish and is embellished with tooled motifs and moulded string courses, while the side elevations are of overpainted brickwork. The entrance contains a half-glazed panelled timber door with matching leadlight surrounds and non-original wrought iron screen door. The fenestration varies with tripartite groupings at both floor levels of the projecting bay and paired and single openings elsewhere; all have segmental arched heads and timber-framed double-hung sashes.

A garage and studio constructed on the southern side of the house date from 2000.[ii] Other alterations and additions may have been carried out at the rear of the property[iii] but are not visible when viewed from Gellibrand Street. The house is fronted by a non-original cast iron palisade fence and gates and the landscape contains some mature trees.

[i] There is evidence in the render of a concave profiled flashing abutting the wall at both the ground and first floor levels, something which could not have occurred concurrently. The 1988 Conservation Study indicates that at the time the verandah was single storey but with a balcony arrangement at first floor level (no roof). Drawings submitted to council in 1991 indicate that reconstruction of a double-storey verandah was approved as part of a larger works program but was not carried out (Building Permit #91/5873, dated 17 December 1991).

[ii] Building Permit #0034/0, dated 2 February 2000, City of Boroondara Building File 40/408/15558.

[iii] Building Permit #91/5873, dated 17 December 1991, sourced from the City of Kew Building Index.

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