
16 John Street



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

16 John Street KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO319

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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16 John Street, Kew, is of local historical and architectural significance as a mature and relatively externally intact example of bungalow design of the early 1920s. It is a lively and inventive composition which features an unusual porch and verandah arrangement and utilizes a range of bungalow materials and forms. The high brick fence on Alfred Street detracts from the presentation of the house.

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	14637
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Physical Description 1

No. 16 John Street, Kew, presents a basically double front of rooms to John Street, though it reads more as triple-fronted due to two deep verandah-porches, staggered in plan, gabled and heavily balustraded, which project out into the garden. The Marseilles-pattern roof tiles were noted in the 1988 Kew Conservation Study as not original; if this is the case, they are likely to have replaced original tiles of similar design.

The John Street (west) elevation features two superimposed gables, projecting over overpainted shingled aprons. The larger gable has a hooded ventilator topped with weatherboard and bracketed out on projecting purlins. The gable soffits have a few underpinning rafters and struts scattered about them, both here and on the north side, and the roof is terracotta tile in a Marseilles pattern. The gables are pitched as low as the tiling will comfortably allow, and the design builds up a convincing horizontal emphasis on its north elevation. An asymmetrically placed canted bay is located below the larger of the two main gable forms. A porch/verandah combination is located forward of the smaller gable, at the north-west corner of the house; this comprises a roof partly supported on rubble-clad columns and a smaller entry porch under the smaller gable.

On the north elevation a verandah extends under the main roof form to a large gable located at the east end of the elevation; this features a double hooded vent and similar detailing as that to the main west gable, combined with a more conventional oblong slatted vent. The asymmetrical division of the main west gable with its canted bay is echoed on this north elevation where the stuccoed walling of the main north gable cuts out abruptly and the surface changes to exposed clinker brick.

Masonry walls are generally textured stucco to the east and north sides, on a clinker brick base. The windows have a distinctive diamond pattern in their glazing bar design.

The main body of the house appears to be broadly intact to its main street elevations, though the western entry door with its flanking windows may have been modified.[i] Some change has occurred towards the rear of the house; alterations and additions comprising additional bedrooms and a kitchen and family room were made to the rear of the house in 1975.[ii] These alterations and additions are partly obscured in some views from Alfred Street by a high brick fence constructed in clinker-brick with wrought-iron picket balustrading; this dates from 1984.

[i] In 1987 there was a proposal to enclose the corner verandah element for an en suite, however these works appear not to have proceeded. Details and drawing sourced from the City of Kew Building Index, #3155, 7 September 1987.

[ii] Details and drawings sourced from the City of Kew Building Index, #5594, dated 30 October 1975.

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