
Darley



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

2 Merrion Grove KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO321

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Darley, at 2 Merrion Grove, Kew is of local historical and architectural significance. The house is good example of a single-storey Italianate villa of the late 1860s, broadly intact to its original form, albeit modified in the Edwardian period. Though now on a much reduced allotment, the house is one of a relatively limited number of residences surviving in the Kew area from the period pre-1870.

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;
Other Names	4 Merrion Grove (1988 City of Kew Urban Conservation Study), Darley,
Hermes Number	14639
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Darley, 2 Merrion Grove, Kew, is a single-storey Victorian villa of rendered brick construction. Now on a dramatically truncated site when compared with the original, the house was always oriented away from Studley Park Road. The original entry to the house was via a drive from Studley Park Road to the north leading to the main entry on the western elevation of the house. The present-day Merrion Grove elevation was originally a side elevation.

The hipped roof is clad with slate and is penetrated by rendered chimneys with moulded caps and the Edwardian return verandah has a bullnose profile clad with corrugated galvanised steel supported by turned timber posts with timber balustrade and frieze; non-original timber lattice infills the sub-floor space beneath the timber floor. The asymmetrical south elevation contains a faceted bay with half-glazed panelled timber door with fanlight and elsewhere there are timber-framed French doors and timber-framed double-hung and fixed sashes. The original facade, or west elevation, contains the original entrance which is between a pair of projecting faceted bays, and has an elaborate timber door with Art Nouveau styling, possibly contemporary with the verandah.

A later garage is located at the northern end of the side driveway and the frontage is defined by a non-original stone retaining wall. The front garden contains a mature oak species and Peppercorn (*schinus molle*). In the 1988 Urban Conservation Study the house was listed as 4 Merrion Grove^[i], but the present No. 4, looking like a quite recent subdivision, is now a narrow but separate property with a free standing house of recent French Provincial design.

[i] Pru Sanderson, City of Kew Urban Conservation Study, 1988, B listings.

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