
63 Walpole Street



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

63 Walpole Street KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO353

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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63 Walpole Street, Kew, is of local historical and architectural significance as a handsome, imposing and externally relatively intact example of a broadly symmetrical two-storeyed Italianate residence of the early to mid-1880s featuring dichrome brickwork and two-storey verandah. Its presentation has been compromised by the subdivision and development of part of the front garden.

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	14672
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Physical Description 1

The house at 63 Walpole Street, Kew, is a large two-storey double-fronted Victorian villa of brick construction on a bluestone plinth. The hipped slate roof is finished with bracketed eaves and penetrated by rendered brick chimneys with moulded caps. The symmetrical facade displays tuckpointed Hawthorn brickwork and overpainted brick quoins and dressings - the original bichrome brickwork is visible at soffit level - and it is screened by a double-storey cast iron verandah with tessellated tile floor. The central entrance contains a paneled timber door with matching leaded surround which is reached by bluestone steps flanked by a pair of cement orbs. The entrance is flanked by two tripartite groupings of windows with timber-framed double-hung sashes and bluestone sills. The fenestration is similar elsewhere, albeit with single openings and the first floor verandah is accessed by timber-framed French doors flanked by a pair of tall timber-framed double-hung sash windows. The north side elevation contains two canted bays; a non-original single-storey bay of rendered brick construction to the east and an original double-height bay to the west. MMBW plans suggest that a timber structure, possibly a fernery, was located along this northern elevation in the nineteenth century;[i] this has since been removed.

A relatively recent townhouse occupies the south-eastern corner of the original site, on land subdivided from the original prior to 1989. The remaining frontage is fenced by a non-original timber picket fence and gates and a mature pine tree stands by the front gate; the landscape appears otherwise contemporary.

[i] MMBW Plan No. 67, Kew, scale 160':1", dated 1907.

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