
Bramber



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

47 Wills Street KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO362

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Bramber, at 47 Wills Street, Kew, is of local historical and architectural significance as a fine and externally highly intact example of a single-storey brick villa of the early Federation period, combining earlier Italianate modes with the new Federation style as it was emerging in the mid 1890s. *Bramber's* half-hipped gabling is unusual, and the house is marked by a flexion of scale characteristic of the more inventive early Federation designs.

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	Bramber,
Hermes Number	14682
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Bramber at 47 Wills Street, Kew, is a single-storey double-fronted Victorian villa with an asymmetrical plan and of brick construction on a bluestone plinth. The hipped roof is finished with slate and features half-hipped gable ends, carved timber barge boards, oriel gable vents and red brick chimneys with corbelled caps and bands. A return verandah screens the principal north and east elevations and terminates in a projecting bay on the east side; on the north elevation, however, it steps out, following the form of the box bay window. The verandah comprises a bullnose corrugated galvanised steel roof supported by carved timber posts, between which is an elegant arched timber frieze and a tessellated tiled floor. The principal facades display tuckpointed red face brickwork with overpainted rendered dressings. The north elevation contains the main entrance which is entered via a brick arch and comprises a panelled timber door with matching glazed surrounds and non-original aluminium screen door. It is flanked by a second box bay window containing a bipartite window opening with arched head and timber-framed double-hung sashes. The projecting bay on the east elevation contains a tripartite window opening with semi-circular arched head. Other than for a non-original handrail to the front steps, the house appears intact externally.

The timber picket front fence and gates are relatively recent and a brick garage located at the end of the driveway would appear to date from the 1950s.[i] The front garden contains a small number of mature trees.

[i] Details sourced from the City of Kew Building Index, #584, dated 17 October 1956.

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