
Rab-Nov-Jea



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

10 Wimba Avenue KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO363

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Rab-Nov-Jea, at 10 Wimba Avenue, Kew is of local historical and architectural significance as a good and externally relatively intact example of a hipped-roofed, symmetrically composed Indian Bungalow design of the late 1920s, in this case incorporating components of the Colonial Revival being popularized in magazines and books of the day. 10 Wimba Avenue is of clinker brick construction with a terracotta tile roof, and the facade comprises a centrally placed projecting entry porch with a hipped roof supported on Tuscan columns, flanked by

faceted bay windows with projecting angled brick sills. Other windows to the facade are set in box frames supported on several courses of stepped brickwork. The double hung windows have lead light with some textured glass panes in a geometric design.¹⁴

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	Rab-Nov-Jea,
Hermes Number	14683
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The house at 10 Wimba Avenue is a single-storey double-fronted interwar house of clinker brick construction with a transitional style between the Bungalow and Colonial Revival. The hipped roof is finished with terracotta tiles and is punctuated by plain brick chimneys with rendered caps and flat roofed window bays are finished with galvanised steel. An asymmetrical facade comprises a deep, centrally placed projecting entrance porch which is flanked by a pair of bays, each with a canted bay window, with additional recessed flanking bays. Square in plan, the porch has a pyramidal roof form which is supported by grouped Tuscan order columns and has a tiled floor and steps. The recessed main entrance contains a pair of fully-glazed timber-framed doors and surrounds. While the fenestration is irregularly placed, it is consistent in the use of timber-framed box-framed double-hung and casement sash windows with corbelled sills and leadlight glazing. At the northern end of the facade is a pressed cement name plaque bearing the name *rab-nov-jea*, the origins of which are unclear.

With the exception of a steel garage (1972) and open garage and pergola (1977) which have since been removed, the house appears to have been intact to its date of construction until recent rear additions.^[i] These works are largely obscured from the street, however the front fence has also been altered by the construction of additional courses of brickwork above the original and the introduction of new timber gates.^[ii]

[i] Details sourced from the City of Kew Building Index, #3301, dated 6 June 1972, steel garage; and #6693, dated 1 June 1977, open garage and pergola.

[ii] Building Permit #20040125/0, dated 9 August 2004, construction of extension to dwelling, City of Boroondara Building File 40/408/15317.

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