
33 - 35 Alma Road



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

33 - 35 Alma Road CAMBERWELL, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO367

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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33 Alma Road, Camberwell is of historical and architectural significance as a fine and externally relatively intact example of an asymmetrical stuccoed Victorian Italianate villa with tower. It is distinguished architecturally from other examples by its quiet but consistent re-scaling of otherwise conventional Italianate elements, effectively enlarging the presence of the house.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Review of B Graded Buildings in Kew, Camberwell and Hawthorn, Lovell Chen Architects & Heritage Consultants, 2006; Boroondara - Camberwell Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1991;
Other Names	Sometimes known as "33 Alma Road",
Hermes Number	14687
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

33 Alma Road is a generally intact house in stuccoed Italianate style, double-fronted with a canted bay, attached iron verandah and two-storey tower. The large barrel-vaulted porch is unusually scaled relative to the house and rare in Melbourne as a porch type. It runs through to an imposing wheel-fanlight over the front door and sidelights, which look original and well-kept. An acanthus leafed frieze links the external composition.

Several of the major trees look original and the garden, though largely changed in its smaller plants, is well shaded and deep. The rear garage shown on site plans now resembles a summer-house of sorts from the street, surrounding the pool of 1978, and a more recent timber frame structure, this time in the open frame and lattice summer-house theme, acts as a garage, just inside the front gate. The largest additions have been a small (2 metre) extension to the family room, facing south and not visible from the street, and accompanied by some internal wall rearrangement at the rear of the house. The entrance steps are original, if weathered; the paint and wall maintenance is good. Roof is original slate on the front sections at least. The fence and gates date from 1992, the fence is in close grained corrugated steel and draws on fence treatments common in the 1880s and early twentieth century.

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