
Glenholme; Ngarwee



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

36 - 38 Alma Road CAMBERWELL, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO368

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Glenholm is of local historical and architectural significance as a representative and relatively externally intact example of a suburban Italianate brick villa of the late 1880s which is distinguished by its decorative dichrome brickwork. Its canted bay, slate roof, verandah with decorative lacework, and frontality on its site all mark the house as typical of the later period of nineteenth century suburban Italianate. While a fairly conservative design in general, *Glenholm* exhibits a high degree of consistency and richness in its main street presentation, and has an

individuality which derives from the vigorous voussoir patterning of its dichrome brick.

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 "36 Alma Road", Glenholm, Ngarwee,
Hermes Number	14688
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Physical Description 1

36 Alma Road, variously named *Glenholm* or *Ngarwee*, is broadly typical of its period, a double-fronted single-storey villa of 1889 in a dichrome brick Italianate mode made popular by Joseph Reed and Frederick Barnes in the late 1860s. It is a double fronted brick villa in brown brick with a vigorous striping and keystone-patterning in cream brick. The roof, eaves, brackets, wall surfaces - with their pairing of brown and cream Hawthorn bricks - valance and verandah columns, window sashes and verandah tiling all appear to be original. The front door looks original and uses richly patterned leadlight glass.

The origins of the large extension to the rear of the house (on its eastern side) are unclear. Though constructed using matching materials, it seems likely to date from the post-WWII period. This addition is clearly visible from the main drive on the eastern side. There is a timber carport of recent construction on the eastern side of the house.

The front path appears to have repeated the verandah tiling, albeit probably in newer materials. The fences and driveway are all of recent origins. The driveways are of recent origins and are in a red-brown cement block laid in diamond pattern. The front fence is in brown Hawthorn brick, with a grey-blue moulded cornice characteristic of masonry fences in Melbourne in the 1980s and early 1990s; it screens most of the house and garden details from the street.

A swimming pool at the rear was added in 1976[i].

[i] Details sourced from the City of Camberwell Building Index, #59446, dated 23 July 1976.

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