
930 - 932 Burke Road



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

930 - 932 Burke Road BALWYN, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO372

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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930 Burke Road, Balwyn is of local historical and architectural significance as a fine and generally externally intact example of a substantial attic house constructed in Melbourne's wealthier middle ring suburbs in the early interwar period. Architecturally, it is a highly skilled composition that uses a long transverse hipped roof as a compositional spine and is dominated by the use of juxtaposed gables and boldly scaled, carefully placed chimneys.

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 "930 Burke Road, Balwyn",
Hermes Number	14692
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The residence at 930 Burke Road is composed from gables, solidly and rather heavily detailed in their fascias, and juxtaposed in three layers on the elevation facing Burke Road, with a long transverse roof ridge as a backdrop. The house was designed as a streetscape building, unfolding along a broad frontage, with ample space originally either side. A gabled balcony faces north to take advantage of the views, and a garage, added later, fills in the space between the house and its northern boundary. The entrance is through a bowed porch on columns and pedestals, with a balcony immediately above. The other accentuated west gable is supported, visually, by a massive chimney breast driving up through its fascia. The long roof hips behind the grouped gables form an added element in front of the transverse roof and hint at Federation houses of a decade earlier. The two great chimneys at the front add force to this massing.

The house appears to be broadly intact externally as viewed from the street. Unspecified brick alterations were made and the brick fence constructed in 1946 (both overseen by architects Godfrey & Spowers Hughes Mewton and Lobb) and a swimming pool was added 1980. A fire damaged the house in c.1987, after which repairs and unspecified alterations and additions, estimated to cost \$250,000, were undertaken.[i] The nature of these is unknown, though it is possible that the existing substantial garage formed part of this project.

The age of the concrete driveway and forecourts is uncertain and these may be contemporary with the 1946 fence.

[i] Details sourced from the City of Camberwell Building Index, #19176, dated 19 December 1946 (fence and 'brick alterations' by Godfrey and Spowers, Hughes, Mewton & Lobb); #67832, dated 28 October 1980 (swimming pool); # 81973, dated 8 January 1987 (fire repair and additions).

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