
Haselmere



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

137 Mont Albert Road CANTERBURY, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO396

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Haselmere, at 137 Mont Albert Road, Canterbury, is of local historical and architectural significance as a fine, representative and generally externally intact example of a large Italianate villa residence of the late 1880s, its street presentation dominated by its imposing two-storey verandah. Its framed verandah lace is seen elsewhere in Camberwell, as in several Alma Road houses, and its faceted south-east corner bay is a variation on Camberwell's familiar lookout themes.

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	Haselmere,
Hermes Number	14716
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Haselmere, at the north-west corner of the Mont Albert Road-Balwyn Road intersection, commanded wide views. Sited on the edge of Mont Albert Road's long ridge, *Haselmere* is a two-storey brick house with a brick-walled cellar,[i] stuccoed externally and overpainted. The house has a return verandah, with timber posts and valance frames that may be original, enclosing decorative panels of cast iron lace. Lace is used here for a prominent series of fanned column junctions and a set of framed friezes. *Haselmere* has a south-west corner bay with a wide bracketed eave and an Italianate balustraded parapet above that, facing south-west.[ii] To the extent that the house is visible from the street, the current footprint matches that shown on the c. 1905 MMBW Detail Plan.[iii]

Alterations and additions appear to have been generally internal and/or at the rear of the house,[iv] other than for the construction of a garage and carport. The major surrounding trees are mature and as Graeme Butler has noted, are sympathetic to the style of the house, being conifers and silky oaks. He has also noted that vestiges of the original garden survive in adjoining, subdivided blocks, reflecting the subdivision of *Haselmere's* land over time.[v]

[i] Noted in the City of Camberwell Building Index, just above the numbered entries.

[ii] Graeme Butler notes that the second bay, to the south-east, has this treatment also, which he suggests may indicate the hand of an architect; G Butler, Camberwell Conservation Study 1991, vol. 4, p. 198.

[iii] MMBW Detail Plan, No. 75, c.1905.

[iv] Details sourced from the City of Camberwell Building Index, 1965, dated 20 October 1930 (unspecified); #31605, dated 29 May 1962, #67072 (internal alterations) #32102, dated 20 November 1962 (a carport). Details and working drawings sourced from the City of Camberwell Building Index: #67072, dated 30 May 1980 (internal alterations to the north wing and an ensuite added to the main two-storey block, within the 1905 footprint and costing \$20,000.

[v] G Butler, Camberwell Conservation Study 1991, vol. 4, p. 198.

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