
Warrawee



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

626-8 Riversdale Road CAMBERWELL, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO401

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Provisional only

Warrawee, at 626-628 Riversdale Road, Camberwell, is of local historical and architectural significance. It is a fine, representative and relatively externally intact example of the large, single storey Italianate villas which appeared in the Camberwell-Canterbury-Surrey Hills areas in the middle to late 1880s. *Warrawee* is distinctive in

this group for the manner in which its verandah extends around the front canted bay, and for the retention of its original unpainted render finish. The house is set in a mature and impressive garden.

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;
Construction dates	1884,
Other Names	Warrawee,
Hermes Number	14725
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Note that the following description is based on information contained in the Camberwell Conservation Study and limited photographic^[i] and documentary evidence and that its accuracy would need to be confirmed on site. Access to the site was not available during the review.

Warrawee, 626-628 Riversdale Road, Camberwell, is a large single-storey double-fronted Italianate villa constructed of brick on an asymmetrical plan. The hipped slate-clad roof features bracketed eaves, moulded entablature, carved serrated fascia and rendered brick chimneys with moulded caps. The facade includes a prominent projecting canted bay and was noted in 1991 as retaining its unpainted render finish. It is encircled by a concave corrugated galvanised steel verandah supported by cast iron columns with cast iron frieze and brackets. The verandah floor has been replaced with brick paving and the verandah is accessed via wide bluestone steps. The main entrance appears to contain a panelled timber door with glazed surrounds. Fenestration includes tall timber-framed double-hung sashes and windows are surrounded by moulded architraves and consoled sills.

It appears that former outbuildings may have been incorporated into later garaging and extensive additions have been constructed along the western side of the house as well as a smaller canted bay on the rear south elevation.

The frontage is fenced by a non-original steel and timber plank fence with brick gate piers. The garden is mature, screening the house with a range of large trees, most of long standing.

[i] Including photographs taken in 1965 and 1983 by John T Collins and held in the collection of the State Library of Victoria.

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