
Tarawara/Tarawera



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

13 Victoria Avenue CANTERBURY, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO412

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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.12 Vincent Street, Surrey Hills is of local historical and architectural significance. The house is of historical significance as an unusual example in Boroondara of a diminutive schoolhouse, and for its association with the Rev. Frederick Darling, later a director of the New South Wales Presbyterian Church and minister at its socially important St Stephens' Sydney.²⁵ It is of architectural significance as a 'public building' constructed at residential scale; its original use as a schoolhouse, possibly combined with a residential function, is well-expressed in its

external detailing and representation of Gothic form. The building is also of interest for its combination of Gothic form and detailing with the distinctive Japanese inspired timber verandah and timber gable trussing and window frames (albeit the latter elements possibly early alterations).

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	Tarawara/Tarawera,
Hermes Number	14737
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

A two-storey brick residence with multiple roof gables, a modest tower and elegant chimneys, *Tarawara*, at 13 Victoria Avenue, dates from the lead up to the Federation period in architecture. A somewhat eclectic composition, it shows some early characteristics of an emerging style, combined with elements of established Victorian design. Of note is its frontal composition in three episodes side by side, suggesting the French Chateau form popular in free style architectural imagery at that time, both in Australia and elsewhere. More distinct Federation elements include the tall windows with smaller paned upper sections, the large machined red brick construction and the varied chimney treatments. The polychrome, in the use of cream-brick voussoirs over each window and the striation in umber brick, is a high Victorian characteristic. The blank escutcheon on the stair tower is more a mid-Victorian Gothic touch. The roof is slate with galvanized iron ridge-capping, and the ground floor bay has a galvanized iron roof. The verandah faces east, and is on iron posts with composite capitals and a pinwheel squared lattice pattern in its frieze.

The north side has a narrow projecting laundry, bathroom and pantry area that appears to have been added.[i] Otherwise, the house appears to be broadly intact as viewed from the street. In 1978 a series of rear internal alterations and additions were undertaken.[ii] The adjoining garage, added in 1985, continues the voussoir motif and brick colouration of the original house.[iii] There are a range of other alterations and additions, but these are either internal or not visible from the street.[iv] The high timber fence was added in 1982.[v] The garden is mature and provides a sympathetic setting.

[i] Being shown in an earlier photograph of the house with an earlier picket fence and then fairly overgrown garden, as up to about 1970-71, before the house was resold. Sourced from <http://boroondara.spydus.com/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/RECOPT/OPAC?COMB/29141/1,3>. Accessed 23 November 2005. Unspecified additions were made in 1974; details sourced from the City of Camberwell Building Index, #54800, dated 6 March 1974.

[ii] Details sourced from the City of Camberwell Building Index, #63753, dated 15 September 1978, and working drawings in the Boroondara archive dated 27 July 1978.

[iii] Details sourced from the City of Camberwell Building Index, #77403, dated 12 March 1985.

[iv] Detail sourced from the City of Camberwell Building Index, #76596, 77107, dated 1 November 1984 and 10 January 1985 respectively (swimming pool); 76926, dated 7 December 1984 (a garden shed); 78936, dated 17 October 1985 (retaining wall). An application to subdivide the property into two lots was refused, 15 October 1990.

[v] Detail sourced from City of Camberwell Building Index, 71077, dated 30 April 1982.

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