
7 Elphin Grove



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

7 Elphin Grove HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO425

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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7 Elphin Grove, Hawthorn, is of local historical and architectural significance as a fine, representative and relatively externally intact example of a single-storey double-fronted Victorian Italianate villa set on a substantial suburban allotment. Though a series of substantial rear additions have been made, these do not detract from the presentation of the house.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Review of B Graded Buildings in Kew, Camberwell and Hawthorn, Lovell Chen Architects & Heritage Consultants, 2006; Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage study 1992, Meredith Gould, Conservation Architects, 1992;
Construction dates	1887,
Hermes Number	14750
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

As constructed, the house at 7 Elphin Grove, Hawthorn, was a single-storey double-fronted Victorian villa of brick construction on an asymmetrical plan with extensive rear wings. It now includes two-storey rear additions which date from 1978 and 2004 and a detached garage building at the rear boundary.[i] The bracketed hipped roof of the original house is finished with slate and rendered chimneys with bracketed moulded caps and antefixa. The original walls display an overpainted ruled ashlar rendered finish with string moulding, while the walls of the later additions are face brickwork. The principal west and south elevations are screened by a return cast iron verandah which features a concave corrugated galvanised steel roof, paired Corinthian columns, cast iron frieze and trellis panels and a reconstructed timber floor. Two sets of bluestone steps provide access to the verandah, those on the southern side lead directly to the entrance and appear to be original, while those to the west date from the recent works.[ii] The facade is divided into bays by two pairs of tall window openings with round-arched heads and moulded architraves which contain timber-framed double-hung sashes. There is a single non-original window opening in the north elevation to the east of the chimney breast. The main entrance is located in a projecting bay which terminates the verandah return and contains a half-glazed panelled timber door with matching glazed surround.

With the exception of the rear and detached additions and the non-original corrugated galvanised steel and timber fence, the house appears to be otherwise externally intact as viewed from the street.

[i] Details and drawings sourced from the City of Hawthorn Building Index File, City of Boroondara Planning File 108814, Part 1, and City of Boroondara Building File, 40/408/08657 Part 1.

[ii] Building Permit #BS1092/980917/0, dated 24 June 2004, City of Boroondara Building File, 40/408/08657 Part 1.

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