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# Knottywood, Morley



Review of B Graded Buildings  
in Kew, Camberwell &  
Hawthorn

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## Location

61 Wattle Road HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO429

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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generous setting demonstrate the early development of the area for small-scale farming pursuits. The house is also significant in the local context as a fine, representative and relatively externally intact example of a single-storey double-fronted Victorian villa of the 1860s set on a substantial allotment. The house has undergone some modification and new structures have been constructed on the site, however, these changes do not fundamentally detract from its presentation.

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| 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; |
| Other Names               | Knottywood, Morley,   |
| Hermes Number             | 14755   |
| Property Number           |   |

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## Physical Description 1

*Knottywood* is a single-storey Victorian villa of Hawthorn brick construction. The main section of the house is double-fronted with symmetrical facade, rendered quoins and plinth and a hipped slate roof with rendered chimneys with moulded caps; eaves brackets have been removed.[i] It is screened by a skillion-roofed timber verandah with paired posts, altered by the removal of some decoration.[ii] The central entrance comprises a single door with glazed surrounds and timber-framed screen door which is flanked by timber-framed double-hung sash windows. While the principal elevations retain a face brick finish, the rear elevation appears to have been overpainted.[iii]

To the east of the main house is a brick wing of nineteenth century origins, set back from the main frontage. Also constructed of brown brick, it differs from the main house with lower floor and ceiling levels but repeats the quoining and hipped slate roof form. Evidence of an ochre wash remains on the quoins.

A single-storey, skillion-roofed kitchen wing of brick construction is located at the north-west (rear) corner of the main house. Originally detached, it is now linked to the main house. This was not inspected during this review but was photographed and described by Meredith Gould in 1997. The age of this wing is unclear, though Gould has suggested that it may predate the existing house and have been the kitchen wing for an earlier timber cottage on the site.[iv]

An attached flat-roofed carport has been constructed at the south-east corner of the eastern wing and a detached carport has been constructed between the house and the street. An application for alterations to the rear verandah and some rear window and door openings was made in 1998.[v] Additional conservation works, and works at the rear are apparently being carried out at the time of writing.[vi]

The 1960s flats constructed at the rear of the property were not inspected.

[i] Meredith Gould Architects, Hawthorn Heritage Study, Provisional B Grade Review, 1997.

[ii] The extent of alteration is unclear. Meredith Gould Architects, Hawthorn Heritage Study, Provisional B Grade Review, 1997.

[iii] Based on photographs produced in the previous study, Meredith Gould Architects, Hawthorn Heritage Study, Provisional B Grade Review, 1997.

[iv] Meredith Gould Architects Pty Ltd, Provisional B Grade Review, citation for 61 Wattle Road, 'Knottywood'.

[v] Planning Permit #BOR 98/844, dated 3 September 1998, City of Boroondara Planning File 40/409/02994.

[vi] *Pers comm.*, Michelle Hirst, owner.

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