
Booroke



Hawthorn Heritage study
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Location

131 Power Street HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO106

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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1. Architecturally significant for the unusually rich and late use of polychrome and for the unusual combination of colonnade and skillion verandah form.
2. Architecturally significant for the association with Oakden, and as perhaps the last of the showy hill top mansion houses to be constructed in Hawthorn.

3. Historically significant for its associations with Patterson, who owned many pastoral properties throughout New South Wales and, from the 1920s (as the result of a Patterson family gift) with the Stratherne Girls Grammar School , an important Presbyterian educational establishment. This former Edwardian residence (now known as the Rossbourne School) has continued to be used for educational purposes.

4. A landmark in Power Street.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage study 1992, Meredith Gould, Conservation Architects, 1992;
Other Names	Rossbourne School, Boonoke,
Hermes Number	14824
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Physical Description 1

A two storey mansion with two storey verandah on the three principal elevations. The walls are executed in polychrome brick with small areas of render dressings, and the roof in slate with terracotta ridging. A fine fence of brick and render piers on a bluestone and brick base, with iron palisade panels occurs on the two main roads.

The extensive colonnaded verandah dominates the design. The focal point is placed centrally on the Power Street elevation where the colonnade stops for a projecting two storey arched porch. This rises above the verandah roof with a hipped roof to meet the main hipped roof. Although this element does not extend beyond the eaves, it reads as a tower like component , because of the low pitching point of the verandah roof. At the ground floor the colonnade comprises rendered (possibly cast iron) columns, cream brick arches and red brick abutments at the ends. The body of the wall is brown bricks. Above, a cream brick string course defines the floor level, changing to red brick for the balustrade piers above. Rising from these are Tuscan columns and simple head brackets supporting the fascia.

The body of the building wall is brown bricks with cream quoins to openings. Prominent chimneys of red brick with gabled render embellishment complete this symmetrical facade from Power Street.

The building is set in extensive grounds and enhanced by the mature trees, hedge and fence .

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