
Charing Cross Buildings

Location

204-210 Camberwell Road HAWTHORN EAST, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO498

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

What is Significant

The Charing Cross Buildings are significant to the extent of their Camberwell Road facade and to a depth of one room behind that facade.

How is it Significant

The Charing Cross Buildings are historically and aesthetically significant to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it Significant

The Charing Cross Buildings are important as a product of the late Victorian boom period of development in the area as associated with the expansion and growth of Hawthorn and the Junction. They are an important streetscape element and of aesthetic distinction for their architectural modelling and the use of originally exposed brick with rendered ornament, albeit now all painted out.

Heritage Study/Consultant Boroondara - Camberwell Junction Heritage Study, Lovell Chen, 2012;

Hermes Number 192673

Property Number

Physical Conditions

This two storey row of shops was built for H Hutchins in c1889-90. This was a period of rapid population expansion, stimulated by the activities of building societies and land subdividers, facilitated by the extension of the suburban railway network.¹ The first entry for the building in the *Sands & McDougall Directory* in 1891 lists the occupants as a dairy produce shop, draper, china dealer and butcher. The depression years saw vacancies in the building increase to as many as three out of the five tenancies in the late 1890s, returning to full occupancy by 1905. Originally numbered 168-176 Camberwell Road, the building was re-numbered around 1915.²

(R Elphinstone, *Camberwell Junction Heritage Study*, 1991, additional research by Lovell Chen, 2008)

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