
Pepperell's Buildings

Location

217-223 Camberwell Road HAWTHORN EAST, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO499

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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A near original upper facade which has Victorian sources, in a group of four with interesting stylistic features. An important element in a streetscape featuring all prominent periods of building activity in the Camberwell Road-Junction area. Of local significance. (R Elphinstone, *Camberwell Junction Heritage Study*, 1991)

What is Significant

Pepperell's 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

Pepperell's Buildings are historically and aesthetically significant to the City of Boroondara. Pepperell's 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.

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

Hermes Number 192674

Property Number

Physical Conditions

A two storey, over-painted face brick row of four shops and residences. All of the ground floor shop fronts have been rebuilt, though they retain their original frontage proportions. The fourth and westernmost shop has a reconstructed shopfront, comprising a break front profile with a centrally located recessed entry. Above the entry door there may be remnant early fabric - the lining boards and scored scrolling above the entry doors. At first floor level the dividers are expressed at the street fronts as a set of piers topped with quasi-capitals and gablets. In line with this half-Gothic theme (the parapets and their mouldings appear more Renaissance) the four windows in each bay are paired round-headed, each pair being under a pointed arch moulding with a roundel in between each window arch - a vaguely 14th-15th century Florentine gesture that is itself comparatively rare in Australian usage. The four bays each have a parapet recessed behind the main cornice and with breakfront extensions of the first floor piers. Each bay's parapet has a central 'gable' with moulded name panels and combined with parapets. The parapets are raised above roofline with two scroll-profile end walls in face brick. The two centre bays have their panels inscribed with the original owner's name, but the parapet gables are actually moulded in an alternating rather than centred or repeated pattern, using both a straight-sided gable with central string course and a half-star gable with accentuated kneelers subsumed in perimeter moulding. This suggests the terrace may have been seen as extendable later probably across the existing Young's Auctions frontage next door (see illustration).

The shop fronts have all been altered and the original verandahs have all been removed. At the same time the original proportions of the piers between each shop front remain, and the westernmost shop has a reconstructed breakfront shopfront form. The original orb finials on the parapet have gone from all but the easternmost shop elevation. This is common enough in Camberwell, and the major urns or orbs which appear to have been above each central parapet moulding have all gone as well. The post supported verandah in front of the furniture store's two bays has been rebuilt.

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