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# Dillon's Buildings

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## Location

493-503 Riversdale Road and 554-564 Burke Road CAMBERWELL, BOROONDARA CITY

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO503

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant

Dillon's Buildings, situated on the corner of Burke and Riversdale Roads, is a prominent Art Deco- Moderne corner building. Its streetscape presence, intact first floor level with original face and tapestry brickwork, the corner tower element and original signage, are of particular significance.

How is it Significant

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

Why is it Significant

Dillon's Buildings are of local significance as a demonstration of the reinvigoration of a prominent corner site following prohibition in Camberwell, resulting in an example of retail and commercial development during a period of solid prosperity and growth within Camberwell prior to World War II. Architecturally, the building is of significance as an Art Deco-Moderne building, sited at a major regional intersection, uncommon within Boroondara. The building's facade is largely intact to its first floor level and retains intact original exposed face and tapestry brickwork and fenestration, together with the original tower signage.

Heritage Study/Consultant Boroondara - Camberwell Junction Heritage Study, Lovell Chen, 2012;  
Other Names also numbered 554-564 Burke Road,  
Hermes Number 192676  
Property Number

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## Physical Conditions

The current building facade is of a functional modernist style with apricot faced brick and tapestry brick relief to the two street facades and a prominent square corner feature. Horizontal lines are accentuated by fenestration and raised brickwork. The first floor windows to Burke and Riversdale Roads are simple ribbons of timber framed hung sash windows. Its first floor level is intact despite some minor sun hood spalling, and its original tower signage remains. All of the original exposed face and tapestry brick is intact, although some is in poor condition. The ground floor level shop fronts and canopy treatment are a recent alteration, and its uniformity of finishes and clean contemporary lines is an appropriate counterpoint to the variety of brickwork of the upper facade. The building retains elements of the foyer treatment - terrazzo flooring, staircase and decorative wall tiling - to the ground floor entry which leads to the upper level office suites. The application of multiple signage elements to the building is a characteristic of long-standing, directly related to its prominent siting and is evidenced through an examination of historical photographs.

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