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Location

351-359 CANTERBURY ROAD SURREY HILLS, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO681

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Victorian shops at 351-359 Canterbury Road, Canterbury and Surrey Hills, are significant. They were built in 1892-93 for two owners: butcher William Tacey (the pair 351-353), and electrician Thomas Hyde (pairs at 355-357 and 359 as part of a pair with 361). The shops at 351-353 and 359 have timber parapets, the construction of the parapets at 355-357 is rendered brick. All shops have brick party walls and retain largley timber-framed

shopfronts. The shopfronts at 351, 355, 357 (half), and 359 are largely original.

While No. 361 was built as part of this row, due to extensive alteration, it is not included in the Heritage Overlay extent of this place.

How is it significant?

The row of shops is of local historical and architectural significance and rarity value to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

The shops illustrate the pattern of nineteenth-century commercial development after Canterbury Railway Station opened in 1882. Businesses were established along Canterbury Road to the east and west of what was then a level crossing. It was only after 1910 that retail and commercial development began along Maling Road, eventually eclipsing the Canterbury Road shopping strip. (Criterion A)

The timber shops at 351 & 353 and 359, Canterbury Road are very rare survivors in the City of Boroondara. Timber shops were the first to be built in new suburbs and shopping areas in the 19th century, but were gradually replaced by more substantial brick buildings, leaving few of this building type in the Melbourne metropolitan area. (Criterion B)

The shops demonstrate the typical characteristics of early retail buildings in Boroondara, with simple unadorned facades and simplified versions of Boom-style parapets. The surviving whole or partial shopfronts at nos. 351, 355, 357 and 359 demonstrate the typical 19th-century timber-framed display and highlight windows with lamb's tongue mouldings, a solid stallboard, and recessed entry. (Criterion D)

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Construction dates	1892,
Hermes Number	202084
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The shops at 351-359 (and 361) Canterbury Road were built as a row of three pairs in 1892-93. Currently the individual shops display varying levels of intactness. All would have originally had posted front verandahs, but these have been removed.

No. 351

A timber framed shop with timber facade and shared brick party wall with no. 353.

The front elevation comprises a shopfront with a recessed entry and adjoining residential sash window. Original fabric includes the timber parapet with semi-circular pediment, recessed entry with beaded timber lining boards to the ceiling, the shop entry door with bolection mouldings, deep lamb's tongue moulding to the timber shopfront windows (highlight windows covered over), and double-hung sash window to the residence (sill non-original). There is a corbelled brick chimney on the west side of the shop, and two simpler and earlier corbelled chimneys along the party wall with no. 353.

Alterations include the loss of the verandah, panelling to the shopfront stallboards, and the ashlar board cladding to the residential section.

No. 353

This timber-fronted shop was built together with no. 351, and was presumably identical. It retains the same shaped timber parapet as 351, and shares two corbelled chimneys.

The shopfront is a mid-twentieth century replacement, though its solid stallboard and recessed entry are sympathetic. As shown in Figure 1, the entrance was originally in the centre as well, but the ingo had splayed side, and the stallboard had ventilation through cast-iron grilles. The shop also originally had a posted timber verandah, as all shops in this row would have had. Posted verandahs have been consistently removed from major roads in Boroondara.

No. 355

Built as a pair with no. 357, it is the narrower of the two. It is not clear if these shopfronts are timber framed or not. The parapet is a simple rectangle in shape and retains a narrow moulding at the top which continues from a pier at the party wall. A break in this moulding suggests that there may have been a raised pediment at the centre. The owner notes that the parapet is of rendered brick, so this may not have been a timber shop original. The timber shopfront and there is a pressed metal soffit to the recessed entry. The timber entry door is glazed (said by the owner to be a replacement) above a solid timber section with two panels of bolection mouldings. The shop windows have lamb's tongue mouldings to the display and highlight windows. Its verandah has been removed as well.

No. 357

The wider shop of the pair with no. 355. It has the same rectangular parapet, but has lost its decorative moulding. The owner notes that the parapet is constructed of brick, so this may never have been a timber shop. The western half of the timber shopfront is intact and retains lamb's tongue mouldings to the display and highlight windows. The door surround and highlight appear to be original, though the door itself is not.

The other half is a replacement set on an angle without a stallboard, and likely dates to the 1950s following the fire. Its verandah has been removed.

No. 359

This shop has a timber parapet with triangular pediment and scrolls to either side. The shopfront retains its timber-framed display windows, though the highlight windows are concealed. The recessed entry also survives, though the door is a replacement. The stallboard has been covered over.

It was built as a pair with no. 361, but no. 361 has been extensively altered. It does not retain a decorative parapet, and the shopfront was replaced in 1958 with a recessed and angled shopfront.

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