
Former Watson Residence

Location

3-5 Florence Avenue KEW, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO931

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Hermes Number 208939

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The house designed by architect Philip B. Hudson in 1915, is an Arts & Crafts styled attic bungalow. The house has red face brick walls and a transverse gable roof with terracotta Marseille roof tiles. The central gabled bay retains an unenclosed sleepout at attic level. The sleepout and the porch are supported on heavy square timber posts with solid timber corner brackets with Arts & Crafts styling. The main roof assumes a 45 degree pitch that changes to a shallower pitch, forming a splayed roof over the verandah that runs from the entry and returns around the northeast corner of the house. A rounded bay window with flat roof projects from the left-hand side of the front facade, with a bay of four timber sash with multi-pane glass windows. The window bay roof is supported by curved brackets. On the northeast corner under the verandah is a rounded corner bay window with timber frame sash windows. The line of the entry porch posts continue upwards to be matched by the balcony posts, reinforcing the dominance of the central gable feature. The projecting gable over the porch and entry is faced by

timber shingles. Matching timber shingles line the front and sides of the balcony. The projecting gable has straight timber fascia and the rafter ends are exposed along the eaves. Posts, window frames and fascia have been painted green. The shingles are dark coloured, possibly stained timber or black painted.

A short brick chimney with a soldier course crown sits on the southern ridgeline of the roof, topped by a terracotta chimney pot. Another taller brick chimney rises more dramatically from the southern rear of the house and another is located midway on the northern side of the rear roof. Windows are located on the attic level beneath the side gables, which also have restrained half timbering and shingles in the gable ends above the windows. A smaller nested gable projects from the northwest of the house over a small side wing where the return verandah ends.

The house is set back from the street within a spacious garden area. A cement driveway runs along the southern side of the house and a curved path from the driveway to the entry. An open garage has been attached to the side of the house towards the rear. Solar panels are located on the northern aspect of the roof, away from street view. A pool and hard landscaped area are to the north, and a tennis court is located at the rear to the west.

There are several mature trees in the garden, including a large canopy tree at the rear. The shallow roofed rear addition extended at the upper level in 1980 projects from the rear of the roof and is sympathetic and discreet in proportion. The non-original tall brick fence with iron gates, added in 1988, extends along the front of the property, partially obscuring the house from view but retaining visibility through the wide gates.

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