
57 Cotham Road



City of Kew Urban
Conservation Study 1988

Location

57 Cotham Road KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO232

HO150

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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HO150 Glenferrie Road Precinct, Kew

The Glenferrie Road Precinct, Kew, is an area of heritage significance for the following reasons:

-The western parts of this precinct are marked by mansion development of the Victorian period, and though some are surrounded by unsympathetic later development, a significant number of individually significant early Kew mansions survive here, albeit in some cases converted to institutional uses. This is one of three notable mansion precincts in Kew, the others being HO158 (Walmer Street) and HO162 (Sackville Street).

- The eastern section of the precinct is significant for its mixture of small and medium scale Victorian housing, much of which relates to two important 1880s estates : Edgevale and Doona Hill.

- The area has a strong visual connection with several fine assemblages of school buildings: either in its midst (Ruyton) or at its borders (Trinity, Xavier, Methodist Ladies' College).

- The area includes the former Kew civic buildings and the Sacred Heart Church and School, both in Cotham Road, the latter important to the considerable Roman Catholic heritage in the area.

- The area also includes the entire Glenferrie Road streetscape north of Barkers Road up to Wellington Street, including two of MLC's most important buildings and a mixed 1880s to interwar streetscape.

- The area includes a number of individually significant architectural designs, the majority of which are Victorian mansions.

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Physical Description 1

The first documentary evidence of this building comes from Rate Book research, which indicates that William Henry Woollard, a builder, was the initial owner and occupier of the property in 1892 [2]. As a builder, it is probable that Woollard constructed his house. Attracting an initial N.A.V. of £70 [3], by 1910 John Gidley, commercial agent, was occupying the premises [4]. By that date the property was recorded as having an N.A.V. of only £41 [5].

The house is one of very few of its type in Kew and is an outstandingly intact example of a relatively small house of the late Victorian period. It is single storeyed and rendered. The walls are embellished with incised medallions between the openings and the eaves line decorated with closely set render mouldings, and timber brackets. The verandah is heavily decorated with cast iron and has a pediment to its centre and it takes advantage of the small rise in the land to be set up on a plinth and to have a balustrading of cast iron panels. The roof has a banding of hexagonal slates and its bracketed moulded render chimneys are also intact. The front fence is particularly fine and appears to be original with timber pickets of alternating sizes, a cast iron frieze and gate with turned timber insert.

References --

1 City of Kew, Rate Books, 1892

2 ibid.

3 ibid.

4 ibid., 1910

5 ibid.

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