
Wimba



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Location

235 Cotham Road KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO37

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

'Wimba' is of significance as one of the key nineteenth century houses of Kew and for remaining in a substantially intact state.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - City of Kew Urban Conservation Study, Pru Sanderson Design Pty Ltd, 1988;
Hermes Number	22337
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

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