
Devonia



Review of C* Grade Buildings
in the Former City of
Hawthorn

Location

254 Barkers Road HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO439

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Devonia, 254 Barkers Road, Hawthorn, is of historical and architectural significance at a local level. Although overpainted, the dwelling is nevertheless a generally intact example of an asymmetrical house type popular in the Kew and Camberwell areas at the turn of the nineteenth century, and designed and built by a number of prominent builders and architects who combined Italianate form and detail with more usual Federation elements. These popular designs incorporated return verandahs, quoin markings and canted bays topped with steeply

pitched gables.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Boroondara - Review of C* Grade Buildings in the Former City of Hawthorn, Lovell Chen Architects & Heritage Consultants, 2006; Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage Study, Meredith Gould Conservation Architects, 1993; |
| Construction dates | 1900, |
| Other Names | Devonia, |
| Hermes Number | 14541 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

Devonia, 254 Barkers Road, Hawthorn, is a late nineteenth century villa in a hybrid Italianate Gothic style. It is a single-storey overpainted brick building, in tuckpointed face brick on an overpainted bluestone plinth, with a canted bay and return verandah. The main roof is hipped and clad in slate tile with painted galvanized iron ridge-capping. The eaves are boxed with a moulded frieze interspersed with brackets and rosettes. The chimneys are red brick with stuccoed cornice tops to each stack. The facade corners have quoin dressings (highlighted through the paint treatment), and a heavy, moulded course line runs across the wing wall and around the canted bay. The bay has three steeply pitched gablets over each of the facets, and bargeboards over the facets are coupled to an inverted T- beam; the windows to the bay have stilted segmental arches. All front windows are double-hung sashes. The entrance door case appears original with a mixture of milk-glass and stained glass leadlighting, and a similar leadlighting appears in the tall door case and fanlight at the return verandah end. The return verandah has a bullnosed roof of corrugated galvanized steel, repainted in stripes of alternating terra-cotta and cream. The verandah has long impostes over its cast iron columns; the verandah also has an intact dentilled cornice across its front, and original tessellated floor tiling and bluestone edge. Later additions include the high red brick front fence (c.1969), a brick garage opening onto a lane at the rear (1977), and a family room added to the rear in 1984, which was given a canted bay, Georgian-paned windows and an external deck.[i] The front and side gardens follow a nineteenth-century pattern and are of long-standing.

[i] Details sourced from the City of Hawthorn Building Index, Permit #8204, dated 26 February 1969; #13471, dated 4 May 1977; #13804, dated 5 October 1977; #1925, dated 24 November 1983; #2088, dated 23 February 1984; #2701, dated 13 November 1984.

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