
The Gables



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

Location

1 Berkeley Street HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO443

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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The Gables, 1 Berkeley Street, Hawthorn, is of historical and architectural significance at a local level. It is a fine exemplar of Federation ideas in house design, with its roof expressing elements of the internal planning, robust and energetic arch and course detailing, and a composition which reflects the forceful diagonality characteristic of the period. The house is also distinguished from many of the more conventional and mainstream Federation designs of the municipality, including other Federation-Italianate fusions, through the use of individual and

distinctive elements such as the vigorous decoration, sharp edges, angularity and sturdy proportions. While the removal of the verandah detracts from the presentation of the building, its loss does not impact on an understanding or appreciation of the overall original building form.

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;
Other Names	The Gables,
Hermes Number	14545
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Physical Description 1

The Gables, 1 Berkeley Street, Hawthorn, is an attic-storey Federation house with a steeply pitched roof clad in slate tile, a secondary hip and three gables, and a dormer window to the principal elevation. The main roof ridge caps are in scalloped terracotta tiling with terracotta scroll finials; the hip ridges are in Colorbond. A gryphon to the apex of the main gable may be a later addition. The chimneys have stucco clad bases, tall brick stacks exposed on the upper levels with vertical strapwork, cornices to the tops with concrete hips, and paired terracotta pots. The roof gables are roughcast stucco with half timber patterning; their spandrels are stepped on the north and northwest, while the southwest gable has a square indentation with an unusual decorative cartouche. The main eaves are boxed and supported by evenly spaced brackets interspersed with plaster swags. The external walls are in exposed red brickwork, plain coursed, with an ornamented stucco course. The west-facing windows are hooded with slate-tiled skillsions on fretwork timber brackets; the north hood may not be original given that the original verandah has been removed (see below); the southwest window hood is fronted by a gablet. The main window on the north facade is round arched, while the two principal west casement windows have a tripartite arrangement with leaded fanlights and sculpted segmental arches over, springing from scroll consoles. The entrance door has leaded sidelights and fanlights, and a sculpted segmental arch over. The dormer on the west roof face has two small double-hung sashes and shingle siding, and different detailing to the gables below, which may indicate a later addition. The house also originally had a return verandah angled north west, and its outline can be seen in places in the external brickwork to the facade. The verandah floor, now exposed, appears to be of asphalt, with bluestone edging to the verandah base. The steps up to the front door, and verandah floor, have short cube-balustrades topped with lions. The front garden setback, with paths and rose plantings, is bounded by a timber picket fence and gates which are recent and replaced a brick fence and timber gate, evident in the Hawthorn Heritage Study image taken in 1992.[i]

[i] See photograph in Meredith Gould, *Hawthorn Conservation Study*, datasheet, 1992.

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