
Springfield



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

Location

6 Berkeley Street HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO444

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Springfield, at 6 Berkeley Street, Hawthorn, is of local historical and architectural significance. It is a substantially externally intact, finely executed and to a degree striking example of a two-storied bichrome and Hawthorn brick Italianate house, with an asymmetrical composition, canted bay, two-storey iron-framed verandah with lacework decoration, and hipped slate-clad roof. Although the details and bichrome patterning resemble a great many single-storey Italianate houses of its time, this property stands out to a degree due to its bichrome surfacing

combined with the double-storey canted bay composition, and a particularly vivid use of the bichrome brick treatment.

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	1882,
Other Names	Springfield,
Hermes Number	14546
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Springfield, at 6 Berkeley Street, Hawthorn, is a two-storied bichrome and Hawthorn brick Italianate house of asymmetrical composition, with a two-storey canted bay on the south of its principal Berkeley Street (east) facade, and a two-storey iron-framed verandah with lacework decoration on the north side of the facade. The hipped roof has slate cladding with galvanized steel and Colorbond ridge-capping, and chimneys in a similar exposed Hawthorn brick with some bichrome banding and heavily sculpted cornices. The eaves are boxed with regularly spaced bracketing. The bichrome patterning on the Berkeley Street facade is in sideways-stepped quoin and arch-stone patterning around and over the windows, which are segmentally arched. The windows are generally timber-framed, double-hung sashes, with the canted bay windows being equally proportioned, while the main living-room windows have a larger central pane and narrow sidelights. The side elevations, also in umber Hawthorn brick, have the floor line marked in cream brick coursing; the front walls' base plate is a battered three-course layer, again in cream brick. The front door case and fanlight appear original. The front garden has a screening stand of birch trees. The fence is a replica cast-iron picket design on a concrete base designed to look like bluestone, and was completed in 1994. There is a gravel drive and front path. A swimming pool was added exactly twenty years earlier, in 1974.[i]

[i] City of Hawthorn Building Index, Permit #11425, dated 21 April 1974 (swimming pool); and #342/94 00, dated 16 August 1994.

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