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## 54 Berkeley Street



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

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### Location

54 Berkeley Street HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

### Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO446

### Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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### Statement of Significance

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No 54 Berkeley Street, Hawthorn, is of local historical and architectural significance. It is a prominently located, attic-style, rough-cast stucco, bungalow house, which is generously proportioned and substantially intact externally. Architecturally, it is considered to be a relatively early example of the emerging bungalow and attic bungalow modes in Melbourne, and something of a prototype for a range of later bungalows in Boroondara. Its combination of stuccoed brickwork with bungalow form was effective and well-rounded, and part of a general

adaptation to masonry construction in bungalow design which was starting to occur in Australia. It also has a number of elements and motifs which appear in later bungalows.

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	1918,
Hermes Number	14548
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

No 54 Berkeley Street, Hawthorn, is an attic-style, overpainted, rough-cast, stucco-clad masonry house in the general bungalow mode. It is composed around two large gables (on the north and east elevations) with four-light, awning-style, attic window rows in each gable end; the gable eaves are supported on diagonal bracing struts and slatwork screens. The roof has been re-clad with non-original charcoal-grey concrete tiles, and the attic windows are not original (although the window opening is), but the other materials in the house exterior are basically original. These include a flat-roofed porch-verandah, conceived as a sealed pergola with projecting scroll brackets and a minimal fascia, supported on paired timber posts on stuccoed pedestals. The verandah balustrade is a solidly detailed masonry structure with stucco coating, and the front steps are bracketed by two heavy stuccoed concave balustrades. The ground floor windows are timber-framed, double hung sashes with diamond-pattern lead lighting in the upper panes. The front fence is a picket structure in concave loops, added in 1990<sup>[i]</sup> with a recent lich-gate at the Berkeley Street/Callantina Road corner, possibly in an original pattern.

[i] Details sourced from City of Boroondara Planning File 40/408/04412, item 7088, dated 12 April 1990.

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