
54 Berkeley Street



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

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

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	

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[i] 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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