
Frederick House



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

Location

27 Illawarra Road HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO453

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Frederick House, 27 Illawarra Road, Hawthorn, is of local historical and architectural significance as a fine and relatively externally intact example of a substantial two-storey Victorian residence with a hipped slate roof and two-storey cast iron verandah. The house is a skilled composition featuring paired arched fenestration and elegant, yet distinctive, polychrome brickwork which extends to the side elevations. The inclusion of a recessed arched side entrance at the side of the house is relatively uncommon. The house stands as a handsome

freestanding residence and is a landmark in the immediate surrounding area.

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	1891,
Architect/Designer	Fritsch, Augustus A.,
Other Names	Frederick House,
Hermes Number	14556
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Frederick House, 27 Illawarra Road, Hawthorn, is a substantial two-storey double-fronted Victorian villa of Hawthorn brick construction. The hipped roof is clad in slate and has a pair of tall brick chimneys with moulded caps. The facade and side elevations display tuck-pointed polychrome brickwork featuring fine bands and patterned voissiors and the centre bay of the ground floor level is defined by an arched blind opening.

The facade is screened by a double-height verandah which is undergoing reconstruction works at the time of this report. The bullnosed corrugated galvanised steel verandah roof is relieved by a small pediment and is supported by posts with cast iron Corinthian capitals. The verandah features a decorative cast iron frieze and brackets. The first floor balustrade panels have recently been removed and the first floor level timber floor has been reconstructed while the ground floor has a tessellated tile floor.

Atypically, the main entrance is set within an arched opening in the south side elevation and the ground floor facade is divided into bays by a blind opening flanked by two pairs of tall windows with semi-circular arched heads and green coloured fanlight glazing. There is a centrally located single doorway to the first floor verandah containing a half-glazed panelled timber door which retains some etched coloured margin glazing. It is flanked by two tripartite window openings. All windows contain timber-framed double-hung sashes.

Extensive rear additions were approved in 1983, however they are set well back into the block and do not impact on the views of the house from the street.[i] Other than for the works to the verandah and the rear additions, the house appears externally intact to its date of construction.

The non-original front fence comprises a palisade fence and gate on a bluestone plinth.

[i] Building Permits #1583-18800, dated 28 June; #1616-18387, dated 18 July; #1624, dated 22 July; and #1643, dated 29 July, all 1983, City of Boroondara Building File, 40/408/25414, Part 1.

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