
Illawarra



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

Location

51 Mayston Street HAWTHORN EAST, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO464

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Alvah, 51 Mayston Street, Hawthorn East, is of historical and architectural significance at a local level. It is a well executed, generally externally intact, double-fronted, single-storey later Federation brick house with stucco dressings. It represents a type of late nineteenth and early twentieth century 'commuter development' found in Boroondara, which responded to subdivisions in areas near railway stations. Architecturally, it is a later Federation dwelling which characterises a new direction in Federation architecture in the middle 1900s, including

a growing simplification of external massing and form, and increasingly sparing use of ornamental detail.

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; Boroondara - Municipal-Wide Heritage Gap Study Volume 6: Hawthorn East, Context, 2018;
Construction dates	1905,
Other Names	Berwick, Alvah, Illawarra,
Hermes Number	14567
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Alvah, at 51 Mayston Street, Hawthorn East, is a double-fronted, single-storey later Federation brick house with stucco dressings, with a projecting bay (asymmetrical wing front) on the east side of the south facade. The house has a slate-clad roof, iron ridge capping and chimneys of red face brick with a conspicuous moulded brick collar and an unpainted, stucco clad crown. The plain-coursed brick gable face to the wing front has longitudinally planked eaves and a bargeboard supported by a timber lattice. A bay window is located in the wing, under an engaged slate hipped roof with exposed rafters; the window is a three-sash timber-framed casement with a top light division on a 'Norman Shaw' 1:3 ratio. This is balanced, compositionally, with a recessed porch on the west side of the wing front, entered through a stucco dressed arch with plain reveals. That is topped with a moulded cornice that bends over the arch and is bracketed on two long fluted brackets that spring from two extruded guttae-like mouldings. Three stucco string courses run across the wing front, the top one moulded in a woven floral pattern. The recessed wing to the west of the front door is located beneath a verandah which has a roof integral with the main roof structure, but is marked out by a frieze in finely grained fretworked timber. Two of the stucco courses continue across this facade. The entrance is centrally located beneath the recessed porch, and has a later fly-screen door, and a main door with a window that may have been replaced with plainer glass. The front door sidelight also looks contemporary. The garden is long-standing and heavily grown; the concrete path and picket fence are later additions, the picket fence being added in 1968.[i]

[i] City of Hawthorn Building Card Index, Permit #8125, dated 27 December 1968.

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