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# Illawarra



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

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## 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

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## 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	

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## 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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