
83-85 Barkers Road



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

83-85 Barkers Road KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO270

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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The pair of terrace houses at 83-85 Barkers Road is of local historical and architectural significance as a fine and broadly externally intact example of a boom-period terrace pair. Unusual and distinguishing characteristics in the Boroondara context include the arcaded ground floor facade located on the front boundary alignment - an atypical form within the municipality and one which is more akin with Melbourne's inner suburbs - and the side entrance porches, which are also unusual in the local context. The retention of the original leadlighting, stained glass

panels and transfer glass to the door and surrounds to 85 Barkers Road and the original stained glass panels to the staircase window of 83 Barkers Road are elements which add to the significance of the terrace pair.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Review of B Graded Buildings in Kew, Camberwell and Hawthorn, Lovell Chen Architects & Heritage Consultants, 2006; Boroondara - City of Kew Urban Conservation Study, Pru Sanderson Design Pty Ltd, 1988;
Hermes Number	14585
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Physical Description 1

The building at 83-85 Barkers Road, Kew, comprises a pair of double-storey Victorian terrace houses of brick construction, Italianate in style. The hipped roofs are concealed behind balustraded parapets and were originally slate-clad, however the roof of No. 85 has been replaced with corrugated galvanised steel. It would appear that the parapet originally featured urns, which have since been removed. Both terraces retain rendered brick chimneys with moulded caps to the front bays and corbelled face brick chimneys to the rear wings. The street elevations have a rendered finish, while the side elevations are brick, all of which are overpainted. The single-fronted facades feature heavily moulded quoins, architraves, bosses, swags and cornices, and the ground floor level is set in behind and arcaded verandah which is supported by cast iron columns and screened by cast iron palisade fences. There is some uncertainty as to the integrity of the ground floor facade as documentary evidence suggests that the wall may have originally been set back only slightly within the front boundary alignment with a splayed entrance to each property.^[i] The same plan indicates a projecting porch in the location of the existing but suggests that these may have originally opened to the north, only providing access to the side and rear of the property.

The verandah floor of No. 83 has been replaced with concrete, while the verandah of No. 85 retains tessellated tiling. Each terrace is accessed via the small single-storey rendered brick side porch which also features parapeted walls, moulded cornices and architraves. Both houses have panelled timber doors with leadlight glazing to surrounding fan and sidelights, however the glazing within the door of No. 85 has been replaced. The porch at No. 85 has been altered with the conversion of a small window located in the rear wall into a doorway accessing the rear yard and the addition of a steel gate in the opening. Each house has a symmetrical facade containing a pair of tall windows with arched heads at ground and first floor levels, all of which contain timber-framed double-hung sashes. Side elevations contain similar window sashes, albeit with square heads.

Both terraces have paved areas between the porch and street, providing for carparking, and non-original fences screening the rear yards.

[i] *MMBW Detail Plan*, 1":40', No. 1297, Borough of Kew, 1903.

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