
1205 Burke Road



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

1205 Burke Road KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO279

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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1205 Burke Road, Kew, is of local historical and architectural significance. It is one of a number of houses constructed in the Boroondara area and elsewhere in the late 1930s and early 1940s which fused modern movement architectural imagery with more standard building techniques. This is an interesting example which simultaneously demonstrates an intense and particular care and direction in its construction, the machine aesthetic, and the new, unornamented or relatively unornamented modern architecture.

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	14595
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

1205 Burke Road is a double-fronted two-storey brick house with a roof in umber glazed terracotta tiling, in the Marseilles pattern, with boxed eaves. This roof is interrupted at several points by rounded parapets, notably around the east-facing dining room wing, which also works to dramatize a broad, rectangular chimney shaft in umber glazed brick. The broad balcony that runs across the front is, like the parapets, completed in a smooth cream cement rendering. The windows are in timber frames, painted white currently, and several of these wrap themselves round corners in tight curves, giving a sense of mechanical streamlining. This is augmented by the flat windows, all of which have an emphatic horizontal framing, and by the balcony itself, which retreats into the front wall 2/3 the way across by sweeping into a rendered cement surface flush with the wall. This curve is accentuated with three indented stripes, and is taken up again by a curved patio extending off the living room, running north.

An application was made for additions and alterations to the building in 1987, to designs by Barrack and Douglas.^[i] It is not clear whether these were undertaken in full.

There is a matching fence in umber glazed brick and a wrought-iron gate with linked crescents and a set of arrowheads lined with inverse chevrons.

The house is set in a mature garden. The driveway is concrete and has been for many years. A detached garage is located at the rear of the drive.

^[i] Barrack and Douglas, working drawings, dated July 1987, drawings sourced from the City of Kew Buildings Index, #3311, dated 13 November 1987.

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