
Carbethon



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

1223 Burke Road KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO281

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Carbethon is of local historical and architectural significance as a richly detailed and generally intact example of a substantial house from the later phase of Federation architecture. While perhaps not as successful a design as others in the municipality, it is nonetheless an unusual and highly distinctive composition, and the modulation of the wall surfacing, window detail and verandah frieze is lively and well-proportioned.

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;
Construction dates	1911,
Other Names	Carbethon,
Hermes Number	14597
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Carbethon is a house from the later Federation period, with two square-fronted wings facing east to the Burke Road frontage and a third wing facing south. The roof is a mixture of gables around a central hip, with terracotta tiles in a Marseilles pattern, with chamfered fin ridge capping and terracotta ball-finials. The chimneys have red brick stacks and caps, flat cement cornices bracketed on bricks, and with necking in textured stucco. There are two dormers visible from the street: a small south-facing addition set well back and thought to date from 1956, and a prominent and somewhat overscaled (but original) central former balcony, now glazed in.^[i] The ground floor gables are bracketed out from the walls, and have Tudor or Perpendicular lines to their half-timbering. The walls are red brick up to 3/8 height, above which there is a textured stucco frieze takes over, separated from the brick below by a moulded string course.

A verandah is integrated with the right hand frontal wing and its frieze is in timber slats with a segmental arch marking the front door approach. A set of stilted round arches support the frieze round the actual verandah. The front steps are flanked by a shallow balustrade in red brick in three facets, each topped by a cement platform. The original windows are almost entirely two-part casements on a 2:1 ratio, after the practice of Norman Shaw and others, and characterize the Federation style. The front and side bays are canted and square respectively, with their upper lights matched in area by panels in textured stucco immediately above, divided by half-timbered framing that continues the window mullion lines from below. This echoes an Ussher and Kemp motif in Federation houses nearby, both in Kew and in the Camberwell area.

The house is generally intact as viewed from the street, other than for the glassed in balcony (central dormer) and the rear south-facing dormer of 1956, which is visible but set well back.

The garden has an original gate and timber posts and retains its diagonal alignment 'against' the house, albeit now set into a bluestone retaining wall. The garden plantings generally appear relatively recent, as are the driveway and brick paving at the front of the house.

[i] The brick additions, by Swanson brothers, appear to have been at the rear, details sourced from the City of Kew Building Index, #52, dated 11 November 1946, refer working drawing, dated 11 November 1946. 'T F Room in attic', details sourced from the City of Kew Building Index, #273, dated 1 November 1956.

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