
20 Howard Street



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

20 Howard Street KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO317

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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20 Howard Street, Kew, is of local historical and architectural significance. It is a good and externally broadly intact example of a single-storey attic villa from the later years of the Federation period. Skilled and lively in its composition, the design is a departure from the more usual centrally planned Federation attic mode, incorporating a faceted corner bay with a stepped tower and faceted conical tiled roof. The house makes an important contribution to a strong group in Howard Street of houses of the Federation and interwar periods.

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,
Hermes Number	14635
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

20 Howard Street, Kew, is a single-storey attic villa from the later years of the Federation period, with tuck-pointed red face brick construction. The complex gabled roofscape is clad with terracotta tiles and retains terracotta ridge cresting and finials. It is penetrated by slender red face brick chimneys which terminate in rendered caps with flat plates, brick ridging and terracotta pots. The gable ends are typically half timbered and a prominent attic dormer - which appears to have been converted from an open balcony to an enclosed room - projects from the roof above the main entrance. It contains bays of timber-framed multi-paned sashes above a ribbed brick base. A turret with roughcast rendered walls featuring pressed cement Art Nouveau motifs defines a faceted bay at the western end of the facade and the roughcast render continues around the walls of the house as a frieze. The recessed entrance porch is screened by a bracketed canopy with corrugated galvanised steel roofing and accessed via bluestone steps. A wrought iron screen obscures the main entrance door which appears to be polished timber with leadlight glazing. Original windows typically contain timber-framed double-hung sashes with leadlight glazing, however there would appear to be some non-original windows in the side elevations at attic level.

A carport with brick piers and terracotta tile clad gabled roof to match the original building was constructed in the north-west corner of the property around 1989. This is similar in some respects to the garage at No. 10 Howard Street. While these additions have significantly altered the street reading of both houses, both can still be viewed in largely original state front on, and No. 20 retains its original brick fence with rendered caps and scalloped brick panels.[i] The landscape contains a mature liquidambar (*Liquidambar styraciflua*).

[i] Interestingly, the fence of the neighbouring property, 18 Howard Street (which now contains 1960s flats), matches that of the subject property.

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