
Kloa, Formerly Castleman



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

57 Pakington Street KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO328

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Kloa, formerly *Castleman*, at 57 Pakington Street, Kew, is of local historical and architectural significance. It is a fine and highly intact example of an asymmetrical weatherboard villa of the Federation period as seen in the Kew, Hawthorn and Canterbury districts of Boroondara. It is also a relatively early application of the style. *Kloa*'s design strength is in its subtle, yet free, combination of otherwise conventional Federation elements into a picturesque composition. In it architect Beverley Ussher draws on the leading American and British free style architecture of

the 1880s and his own forms as developed in the early 1890s. It is an important middle-period design by Ussher, demonstrating what he could achieve with a small timber house.

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	1898,
Architect/Designer	Ussher, Beverley,
Other Names	Kloa, Castleman,
Hermes Number	14646
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Physical Description 1

Kloa at 57 Pakington Street, Kew, is a single-storey timber villa designed in a transitional mode on an asymmetrical plan. The complex hipped and gabled roofscape is clad with red-brown slate and is punctuated by a bold, centrally placed chimney of ribbed red face brick construction. The gable ends are half timbered with roughcast infill and one retains a timber finial, a detail which has been removed from the main gable and a small pyramidal turret. The walls are clad with weatherboards and feature a roughcast frieze to the facade and a shingled frieze to the sides. The principal street elevation comprises three bays with a small recessed porch with fretwork screen and secondary entrance, flanked by the main projecting bay with rectangular bay window and a small canted bay. The north elevation contains the main entrance which contains a half-glazed timber door with matching surrounds screened by a timber verandah with turned paired posts, arched fretwork and timber floor. The fenestration is irregularly placed however the windows consistently contain timber-framed casement sashes with multi-paned highlights and arched transoms.

A small timber garage, possibly constructed around the 1920s, is constructed on the southern side of the house and the aluminium palisade fence along the frontage dates from the 1990s.[i] The house would appear to be otherwise externally intact. The front garden contains a number of mature plantings including liquidambar, cypress and oak species.

[i] City of Kew Building Index, #91/5790, dated 22 January 1991.

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