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# Monte Cristo, Charleton, Charlstan



Review of B Graded Buildings  
in Kew, Camberwell &  
Hawthorn

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## Location

12 Stevenson Street KEW, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO340

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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12 Stevenson Street, Kew, is of local historical and architectural significance as a fine example of a substantial single-storey brick Federation villa of the turn of the twentieth century. 12 Stevenson Street is a lively and quite progressive example of Federation architecture, showing some early signs of incorporating Edwardian Baroque touches. While some of its detail has been altered, and a garage constructed on the street edge, the house is broadly externally intact as viewed from Stevenson Street and retains original or early front fence, gates and

steps.

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	1901,
Other Names	Monte Cristo, Charlstan, Charleton,
Hermes Number	14659
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

*Monte Cristo*, 12 Stevenson Street, Kew, is a substantial single-storey double-fronted 'Queen Anne' villa from the Federation period, incorporating sub-floor areas. The complex gabled roofscape is clad with terracotta tile with ridge cresting and finials and is punctuated by tall red brick chimneys with rendered bands. Gable ends feature roughcast render infill and timber fretwork screens. Tuckpointed red face brick walls bear on a bluestone plinth and the asymmetrical facade is screened by a return verandah incorporated under the main roofline. The verandah is supported by paired timber posts on a brick dwarf wall with bluestone capping. It retains a dentilled cornice, however only a portion of the original timber frieze remains. The facade is articulated by a projecting corner bay and rectangular bay windows and otherwise irregular fenestration. Windows generally contain timber-framed casement sashes, however it appears that at least one of the sashes may have been replaced with a larger picture window. Other alterations include the construction of a brick garage in the south-west corner of the property (on the street frontage) and rear additions which are not visible from the street. These rear additions include a free-standing billiard room-study to the northeast corner of the site, modified more recently from an earlier building and an extended kitchen wall with a large chimneybreast, facing north.

The frontage is defined by a red face brick fence on a bluestone base which features panels and gates of wrought iron and appears to be contemporary with the house. The terraced front garden is accessed via early bluestone steps, albeit repaired, flanked by pressed cement urns.

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