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## 34 Stevenson Street



Review of B Graded Buildings  
in Kew, Camberwell &  
Hawthorn

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### Location

34 Stevenson Street KEW, Boroondara City

### Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO341

### Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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### Statement of Significance

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34 Stevenson Street, Kew is of local historical and architectural significance as a good and externally highly intact example of a brick attic-storey house of the late Federation period, its simplified form suggestive of the shift toward the interwar bungalow forms. The house addresses its corner inventively through the use of a tower element, and otherwise features broad, simple and bold massing for its day. Its attic storey treatment predates interwar attic bungalow designs common in the Kew and Camberwell areas. The house retains its original fence,

albeit modified at one end.

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	1910,
Hermes Number	14660
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 34 Stevenson Street, Kew, is a late Federation villa of brick construction which combines Queen Anne stylistic elements with the emerging bungalow style to address its prominent corner siting. The attic-storey house has a broad steeply pitched roof of slate with terracotta ridge cresting and finials, timber-lined eaves and red face brick chimneys with rendered bands. The prominent gable ends are half timbered with roughcast infill and the main gable provides a balconied terrace accessed via a timber-framed doorway flanked by a bay of timber-framed windows. A deep return verandah encircles the street frontages of the house; the bellcast roof is supported by Tuscan colonnettes which bear on face brick piers and dwarf wall, the soffit is lined with timber and the floor and steps are concrete. A convex conical turret is located at the verandah axis and the entrance is marked by a gable pediment in the verandah. The facade displays tuckpointed red face brickwork and each street frontage terminates with a projecting bay, with the bay on the south elevation containing a bay window. The main entrance faces the side street (Howard Street) and contains a polished panelled timber door and surround with leadlight glazing. Original windows generally contain timber-framed double-hung sashes with leadlight highlights.

The front fence is largely original and comprises a red face brick pier-and-panel wall with rendered capping and non-original timber gate and pergola. The fence continues into Howard Street, where it steps up the hill, and has been altered where it meets a later carport. Alterations appear to be limited to a single-storey rear addition, swimming pool and carport which date from the mid-1980s.[i]

[i] Details and drawings sourced from the City of Kew Building Index for brick additions #1451 (dated 11 January 1985), swimming pool #1858 (dated 29 August 1985) and carport and brick fence #2200 (dated 14 March 1986)

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