
Stratford



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

87-87A Bowen Street CAMBERWELL, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO371

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Stratford, the house at 87-87A Bowen Street Camberwell, is of local historical and architectural significance. In terms of its size, form, and general composition the house is typical of many comfortable middle-class interwar Camberwell residences. It is distinguished from other examples, however, by its combination of typical 1930s eclectic design with a restrained plainness of exterior finish, sparing placement of doors and windows, and consciously modernist horizontal glazing bars.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Review of B Graded Buildings in Kew, Camberwell and Hawthorn, Lovell Chen Architects & Heritage Consultants, 2006; Boroondara - Camberwell Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1991;
Other Names	Stratford,
Hermes Number	14691
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Stratford, the house at 87-87A Bowen Street, Camberwell is broadly intact, externally, and has been maintained in general sympathy with its original materials and form. The house is double-fronted and bracketed, compositionally, with two tall cement-rendered chimneys. The roof is steeply pitched and clad in terra cotta Marseilles pattern tiles over its main and projecting wings, with a shallower skillion tiled roof over a ground floor bedroom and entry hall. The porch is formed by a gabled pavilion jutting from this skillion, and is entered through a stilted segmental arch dressed in tapestry brick. Similar brick dresses the bedroom window lintels, a semicircular panel over the ground floor lounge window, and six corbels under the larger gables. The west wing windows both have shutters, but the other windows were all plain insets, most with modernist horizontal glazing bars.

The house was divided into flats in 1950,^[i] when a flat roofed bedroom was added to the ground floor at the south-east corner. The drawing for these works shows a new external stair to be constructed on the north elevation providing access to the first floor flat.

The fence is in clinker brick and may be original (albeit altered); an inlay of Roman tapestry brick laid in curves frames the gate and appears to be later, possibly dating from when the house was converted into flats in 1950. The concrete drive looks to be of a similar age.

[i] Details sourced from the City of Camberwell Building Index, #4705, dated 27 April 1950.

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