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Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

138 Canterbury Road CANTERBURY, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO376

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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138 Canterbury Road, Canterbury is of local historical and architectural significance as a fine and externally intact example of a middle-to-late brick Federation period house which is shown to advantage on its corner site. It is of minor interest stylistically in its anticipation of an emerging Australian bungalow form within what is still very much a Federation house, and for the general dominance of its roof form.

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; Boroondara - Municipal-Wide Heritage Gap Study: Vol. 1 Canterbury, Context, 2018;
Construction dates	1908,
Hermes Number	14696
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

138 Canterbury Road is a representative example of a late Federation villa. It has a terracotta tiled roof in the characteristic Marseilles pattern, with a central hip and integrated flared verandahs framed by a short projecting wing facing Canterbury Road and a longer wing facing Marlowe Street. The combination of these with a corner bay and conical tower above that was again typical of Federation design, in the wake of Alfred Dunn, Evander McIver and Beverley Ussher's seminal essays in the mode, 1889-91.[i] In this example the corner tower has been shifted from its customarily central placing, possibly to allow for views of the Dandenong Ranges. The verandah valances are in solid fretwork arch patterns of a type common in Melbourne's suburbs, and the verandah posts have several Art Nouveau flourishes. The wall treatment, in red brick with rough-cast stucco, friezes, is also characteristic.

While they may not be the original, the fence and diagonally braced gateposts are in an appropriate style. A red brick garage was added in 1981 and is of sympathetic design.[ii] A swimming pool was planned in 1989 but was not proceeded with.[iii]

[i] McIver's *Elderslie*, 15 Alma Road Camberwell, is discussed elsewhere in this review. For the Dunn and Ussher's contributions to the approach see *Australasian Builder and Contractor's News*, 1889 (for Dunn's houses on the Irving Road Estate, Windsor) and *The Building and Engineering Journal*, 8.184, 9 January 1892, p. 14 (Ussher's *Cottage by the Sea*).

[ii] Details sourced from the City of Camberwell Building Index, # 69519, dated 17 August 1981.

[iii] Details sourced from City of Camberwell Building Index, # 89255, dated 17 October 1989, and #89563, dated 30 November 1989.

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