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# 44 Currajong Avenue



Review of B Graded Buildings  
in Kew, Camberwell &  
Hawthorn

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## Location

44 Currajong Avenue CAMBERWELL, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO381

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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44 Currajong Avenue is of local historical and architectural significance as an interesting and distinctive example of a bungalow constructed in the period immediately following WWI. While in its planning and general form 44 Currajong Avenue is characteristic of the bungalows constructed in subdivisions in south Camberwell in the period immediately following World War 1, it is one of the more elegant examples. The verandah appears to float in way not often seen in contemporary designs, and the house has a distinctive simplicity and balance in its

materials and finishes. It is located in a streetscape and broader precinct (Sunnyside Estate) of relatively consistent interwar bungalow character.

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;
Construction dates	1919,
Hermes Number	14702
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 44 Currajong Avenue, Camberwell, is a double-fronted bungalow constructed in 1919. It is of red brick to a level just above the verandah, relieved by clinker brick dressing on the verandah piers. Above, the two front gables overlap, compositionally, in the manner of many Australian bungalows on standard sites, and are clad in textured stucco,<sup>[i]</sup> weatherboards and shingles. The roof is medium to low pitch for its period, clad in terracotta Marseilles pattern tiles. The verandah is a striking and simple transverse structure, flat roofed, showing its beams and rafters, and supported by timber posts and diagonal struts. The low verandah fence appears to be a later addition. The verandah's beams project beyond the west gutter line of its roof, heightening a Japanese effect. A Federation vestige is in the double canted bays at the northwest corner, which combine to form a five-sided corner bay.

External alterations and additions include a weatherboard lean-to sun room on the west side (c. 1990)<sup>[ii]</sup> and a rear addition of relatively recent origins<sup>[iii]</sup> with a roofline that rises about a metre above the main gable of the original house and matches the original gable angles. Though visible, this rear wing is not unsympathetic and does not dominate.

A timber carport, with weatherboard cladding down to car height and a tile roof matching that of the house has also been constructed on the west side of the house and is set well back. The garden includes some mature trees (Australian natives) which may have been planted in the c.1970s. The western half of the front yard has been brick paved to form a car parking area and the fence is non-original.

[i] G Butler, Camberwell Conservation Study 1991, v. 4, p. 110.

[ii] Details sourced from the City of Camberwell Building Index, #78460, dated 6 August 1985; #89840, dated 18 January 1990, and accompanying existing floor plan drawing by Princeton Homes, dated 18 January 1990. The sunroom is earlier, being shown as cutting through the west-facing canted bay in an earlier version. See 'existing conditions', Princeton Homes working drawings. This sun room was subsequently pulled clear of the corner bay. A rear verandah was also added as part of these additions. The house was reblocked in 1984: see City Camberwell Building Index, #76852, 30 November 1984.

[iii] The building records for the property are somewhat unclear, with a number of applications for works apparently not proceeded with. The Building File for the property refers to the construction of an attic loft over the rear family room and it is assumed that this is the date of the addition, Building Application #201426, dated 1 November 2001, City of Camberwell Building File 40/408/2347.

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