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# 1 Montana Street



Review of B Graded Buildings  
in Kew, Camberwell &  
Hawthorn

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## Location

1 Montana Street GLEN IRIS, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO393

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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1 Montana Street, Glen Iris, is of local historical and architectural significance. It is a fine and relatively intact example of the glazed brick, parapet-roofed and conspicuously modern houses which appeared in Boroondara after c. 1937. The house is an assured and successful composition, using its corner siting well and incorporating a series of interesting building forms and materials. It is distinctive for the extensive use of glazed manganese brick to all facades. It is also of some significance for its planning, specifically in its articulation of a bi-nuclear

plan.

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| 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; |
| Hermes Number             | 14720  |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Description 1

The house at 1 Montana Street was constructed in distinctive umber salt-glazed manganese brickwork in 1941, possibly to designs by C S Cameron, who had completed similar houses at 123 Mont Albert Road, Canterbury, and 6 Bulleen Road, North Balwyn.[i] The house has an integral parapet, trimmed in white glazed brick, concealing a flat roof. All north and west facing windows in the living area share a continuous shallow cantilevered concrete awning as sun protection. The plan responded to the acute angled site, at the corner of Montana Street and Prosper Parade, combining a bank of bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom areas with an L-shaped living room at an acute angle to the bedroom wing. The living room area has two rounded north facing corners and a trailing apse-bay drawing in views to the south-west. Externally, this apse is marked by a recess in the umber brick and a streamlined light fitting. The original living area has broad windows facing north-west across the tapering front garden toward the intersection of Montana Street and Prosper Parade. The original steel window framing remains, though a glass brick window has been added to the original east elevation. A door on the Prosper Parade side of the house provided access to the garden, past a full height sidelight window in amber glass. The current front entry is located at the intersection of the living and bedroom wings, and is screened behind a spur wall of manganese brick, patterned ornamentally.

The house appears to be intact to the extent of its principal elevations to Montana Street and to the Montana Street-Prosper Parade corner. The eastern elevation, to Prosper Parade, has had some alterations, with an additional window being introduced and a bedroom, garage and carport added in 1964. Additions have also been made at the southern end of the house in works undertaken by AV Jennings in 1986, when the bedroom wing was extended to include a garden room, bathroom, sunroom and garage. These additions were designed in sympathy with the existing house, with brickwork to match the original. Overall, though some changes have occurred, these are not such as to undermine the presentation of the building.

[i] G Butler, Camberwell Conservation Study 1991, v. 4, p. 205, suggests the link.

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