
The Knoll



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

50 Wandsworth Road SURREY HILLS, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO415

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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The Knoll, at 50 Wandsworth Road, Surrey Hills, is of local historical and architectural significance as a relatively intact example of later nineteenth century suburban Italianate style in a substantial Camberwell house. Though it has lost its original frontage and is now sited on a truncated allotment, the diagonal address of the house to its garden is still evident. *The Knoll* is a good example of later Italianate design on the eve of the Federation period, and shows some proto-Federation characteristics in the elaboration of its corner bay into a conical roof.

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	1888,
Other Names	The Knoll,
Hermes Number	14740
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Knoll, of 1888-9, had its original frontage to Union Road, though its main orientation was actually toward Mont Albert Road and the view of Surrey Hills and the Dandenong Ranges. *The Knoll*, as its name suggests, was sited on a low ridge that even now still allows views over the roofs of its neighbours around the Union Road- Mont Albert Road corner. Following the subdivision of the eastern section of its original allotment, the house is accessed from Wandsworth Road, with the current front elevation originally a side elevation.

The MMBW Detail Plan No. 72 of 1909 shows the extent of the original site, including three outbuildings of which one at the north-west still appears to be there.[i]

50 Wandsworth Road is a single-storey double-fronted rendered brick house with hipped roof clad in slate with galvanized iron ridge capping and rendered chimneys. The projecting north wing has a canted bay with three arch-headed sash windows. A return verandah with cast iron columns and lace frieze extends along the east and south sides below a concave spirelet and a second canted bay projects to the south. The original entry was from the south. The building was unpainted in 1991, but has subsequently been overpainted in an apricot-buff. The original mouldings, an impost on the north elevation, bracketing on the chimneys, remain.

A weatherboard outhouse by the car court is of uncertain age.[ii] The garden appears mature on its south side, however the metal picket fence, hedge, massive bluestone gateposts, gates and garden on the near north side are all of recent origins, being completed between 1975 and 1988.[iii]

[i] MMBW Plan No. 72, dated 1909.

[ii] It does not appear on the 1909 MMBW Plan No. 72.

[iii] Details sourced from City of Camberwell Building Index, # 58316, dated 22 December 1975 (house extensions); 58726, dated 19 March 1976, (swimming pool); and 23 November 1988 9 ('Alts.- owner'). This last appears to refer to the fence and gate alterations.

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