
Alloarmo



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Location

5 Grattan Street HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H552

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO52

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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1. Architecturally significant as a rare late nineteenth century picturesque gothic revival dwelling, unusual for the richness of its detailing, the late use of this style, and the adaptations to the small site setback.

2. Architecturally significant for the survival of the 1850s wing, amongst the oldest buildings in Hawthorn.
3. "Alloarmo", built in 1856-57 for William Stokes, public notary, and extended c1896 for Alexander B. Clerk, has historical significance for the early date of construction of the original two-storeyed cottage with its small rooms. This is one of only two known remaining examples of a type of suburban housing in Hawthorn in the 1850s.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage study 1992, Meredith Gould, Conservation Architects, 1992;
Other Names	Alloarmo,
Hermes Number	14910
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Physical Description 1

A magnificent Gothic Revival house containing an early wing from the 1850s, but dominated now by the 1890s additions. The house is very close to the street. To accommodate the steeply sloping land and the small setback, access is obtained via bluestone stairs built parallel with the road and on the property boundary. A porch roof extends over this to mark the entry door.

This produces a most unusual effect, rare in Melbourne.

Three main gables, steeply pitched and clad with slate face the street. That for the earliest portion contains a simple fretwork gable barge. The later gables incorporate an elaborate design with an arched under piece, and fretwork trefoils. Within the main gable is a prominent corbelled bay. A cast iron verandah returns on the main gable. This is constructed on a heavy bluestone base. It utilizes unusual iron elements. The brackets are finely executed and of flat form. Together they form a flat pointed arch. The balustrade uses a geometric design which suggests timber fretwork. Windows and openings have flat pointed beads.

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