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# Raheen



City of Kew Urban  
Conservation Study 1988

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## Location

96 Studley Park Road KEW, BOROONDARA CITY

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0515

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO128

HO158

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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## Significance of Individual Property

Raheen is of significance as an early example of the use of red brickwork combined with cement render dressings, for its associations with Archbishop Mannix and for the landmark value it holds on this prominent hill on Studley Park Road.

### HO158 Walmer Street Precinct, Kew

The Walmer Street Precinct, Kew, is an area of heritage significance for the following reasons:

-The place contains a series of individually significant mansion houses which all represent different but accomplished facets of nineteenth and early twentieth century architectural design.

-Studley Park Road, Walmer and Nolan Streets are all dominated by these mansions, though Walmer Street in particular has a line of Victorian and Federation houses that were developed alongside the mansions and which play an important supporting role in the precinct.

- Generally, the streets within the area adjoin either parkland or large school garden spaces, providing a distinctive parkland character to the area.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - City of Kew Urban Conservation Study, Pru Sanderson Design Pty Ltd, 1988;
Architect/Designer	Salway, William,
Other Names	Former "Knowsley". Also known as 94 Studley Park Road, Kew,
Hermes Number	22309
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## Physical Description 1

Edward Latham of the Carlton Brewery was the first owner and occupier of this two-storey mansiod originally known as 'Knowsley'[4] and subsequently as 'Raheen', Latham lived in the building until 1888 when, due to financial difficulties, an auction of all the furniture of 'Knowsley' took place[5] and the mansion was purchased by Sir Henry Wrixon, barrister and politician[6]. Wrixon's biography is recounted in detail in the *Australian Dictionary of Biography* and an account of his life at 'Raheen' is given in *Victoria's Representative Men at Home*'. While it appears that the Wrixons added extensively to the house in 1888-89, this work has not been clearly referenced[7]. The ownership of Raheen' was transferred to the Roman Catholic Trusts Corporation in September 1917 and Archbishop Mannix became the new occupant[8]. Following Mannix, several other catholic dignitaries resided in the building[9], and it has subsequently been resold.

The house is two storeyed and built in exposed red brick combined with exposed render detailing, in a manner advanced for its date of construction. The composition is dominated by the two storeyed loggia, and the four storeyed tower and draws on the Italianate for its styling.

### References --

1 Lewis, M., 'Raheen, 94 Studley Park Road, Kew', April 1985

2 Architects' Index, University of Melbourne

3 ibid.

4 Lewis, op.cit., p.13

5 ibid.

6 Rogers, D., *A History of Kew*, p.27

7 Lewis, loc.cit.

8 National Trust of Aust.(Vic), 'Research into Raheen...', 14 April 1981

9 ibid.

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