

Belford Court Arcade Statement of Significance August 2020

Heritage Place:	Belford Court Arcade - 54-58 Kilby Road, Kew East	PS ref no:	HO831
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What is significant?

The Belford Court arcade, at 54-58 Kilby Road, Kew East is significant. The initial set of 10 shops, fronting Kilby and Belford roads were constructed in 1954-55 by builder/developer William H. Deague.

How is it significant?

The Belford Court arcade is of local historical, architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

Belford Court arcade is a good example of a post war commercial premises. It represents the evolution of modern retail culture of the 1950s and is of interest for its contribution as an isolated retail hub in the interwar and post war residential area. (Criteria A)

Belford Court arcade is a good example of post war shopping arcade. Belford Court arcade is representative of a small-scale post war commercial development, with shopfronts built to key site street interfaces, forming a continuous street wall, with arcaded way linking spaces internally across the site. Roofs are hidden behind the expressed brick parapet, whilst shopfront demonstrate typical features such as metal framed windows within an eye-catching facade. The uniformity of design and intactness of the arcade make it of further note. (Criteria D)

Belford Court is a landmark building within the local residential context of Kew East. The design utilises Castlemaine slate veneer to clad the entirety of the surrounds to each shopfront and extends internally to the arcade. Combined with the coloured panelling of the ceilings, the consistent use of Castlemaine slate contributes to a sense of aesthetic unity to the whole. The façade more generally is articulated through angling of the shopfronts, with the timber framed doors standing as strong elements against the lightweight metal windows. A shallow curved canopy steel feature defines the level of the brick parapet, which is then capped with contrasting manganese bricks, against the cream. The parapet gives the building a modern industrial style aesthetic. This aesthetic extends to the sawtooth roofs, an element integral to the function

providing natural light to the internal shopfronts of the arcade. (Criteria E)

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