

## 35 to 37 Rowland Street Kew Statement of Significance August 2020

<b>Heritage Place:</b>	35 to 37 Rowland Street Kew	<b>PS ref no:</b>	HO823
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### **What is significant?**

The Duplex dwellings at 35-37 Rowland Street, Kew, built for Hugh Thompson in 1922-23, are significant to the City of Boroondara.

### **How is it significant?**

35-37 Rowland Street, Kew, is of local, rarity and aesthetic significance to the City of Boroondara.

### **Why is it significant?**

35-37 Rowland Street is important as a rare example of speculative housing development in Kew in the 1920s. It demonstrates an unusual duplex type of dwelling not often found in Kew during the period, providing an example of speculative development that was uncommon in Kew during the period. The duplex retains a part of its original front boundary wall at No. 37. (Criterion B)

35-37 Rowland Street is a largely intact example of a single-storey brick duplex dwelling in the Californian Bungalow style. The Californian Bungalow was a common type in the suburbs during the 1920s. Here the typical features of the style (for instance, low-pitch roof with projecting eaves, roughcast walls over a brick plinth, and deep porches) have been applied to a duplex, along with several less common details. The narrow, elongated timber brackets supporting the porch and eaves and the T-Shaped expressed brick elements form the more notable features that are not commonly seen on residences of this type. Repetition of details in the chimney, front wall and gable end provide unity to the scheme. (Criterion E)

### **Primary source**

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