
Residence



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Location

46 Albany Road TOORAK, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO489

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The substantial English Domestic Revival style house at 46 Albany Road, Toorak was constructed c1936-37 to designs by accomplished interwar architect A Mortimer McMillan. It was built on land subdivided from grounds of the nineteenth century mansion Yar Orrong.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

- The original external form, materials and detailing.
- The high level of integrity to its interwar appearance.
- The unpainted state of the face brick and terracotta elements.
- The domestic garden setting (but not the fabric of the garden itself).
- The legibility of the original built form from the public realm.

Modern fabric, including the corner gate and garage addition, is not significant.

How is it significant?

The house at 46 Albany Road, Toorak is of local architectural significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

The house is architecturally significant as a large, skilfully designed and generally well-preserved English Domestic Revival style interwar residence (Criterion D).

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Stonnington - City of Stonnington Interwar Houses Study, Bryce Raworth Pty Ltd, 2014; |
| Construction dates | 1936, |
| Architect/Designer | McMillan, A Mortimer, |
| Hermes Number | 200318 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The house at 46 Albany Road stands on the north-east corner of Albany and Kooyong Roads. It is a large and picturesque double storey English Domestic Revival style residence with its principal elevation aligned to Kooyong Road. The roof is composed from a series of hips and gable ends with terracotta shingle tile cladding and tall sturdy brick chimneys. External walls are mostly of clinker brick with plain rendered surfaces used sparingly on the Kooyong Road gable ends. The plain rendered walls are enlivened by fine brick detailing, including herringbone bond infill above the entry porch and irregular panels of darker thin bricks on the gable ends. Timber framed windows with leadlight glazing add further to the house's romantic Medieval character.

The house remains substantially intact externally apart from the c1938 lift addition and the larger scale c2012 attic storey addition to the garage at the Albany Road end. These works were sympathetically detailed to match the existing house and have not undermined the integrity of the original A Mortimer McMillan design.

Local Historical Themes

The house at 46 Albany Road, Toorak illustrates the following themes, as identified in the *Stonnington Thematic Environmental History* (Context Pty Ltd, 2006):

8.1.3 The end of an era - mansion estate subdivisions in the twentieth century

8.4.1 Houses as a symbol of wealth, status and fashion

The house is of some historical interest as evidence of a major phase of development that took place in the 1920s and 1930s when many of Toorak and Malvern's grand nineteenth century mansion estates were subdivided to create prestigious residential enclaves (TEH 8.1.3 The end of an era - mansion estate subdivisions in the twentieth century). It also illustrates the role of houses generally, and architect designed Old English style houses in particular, as symbols of wealth, status and taste for Melbourne's upper classes of the interwar period (TEH 8.4.1 - Houses as a symbol of wealth, status and fashion).

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