
Residence



202 Kooyong Rd

Location

202 Kooyong Road TOORAK, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO502

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Stonnington Interwar Houses Study, Bryce Raworth Pty Ltd, 2014;
Construction dates	1933,
Architect/Designer	Yuncken Freeman,

Hermes Number 200325

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The house at 202 Kooyong Road, Toorak is an elegant double-storey Georgian revival style residence with a symmetrically composed facade and hipped tiled roof partly concealed by a parapet surmounted by urn finials. The facade is of face brick relieved by rendered dressings. The double hung multi-pane sash windows are square headed at the upper floor and segmental arched at the ground floor. Ornament is concentrated about the central entry which has an arched rendered pediment and deeply banded pilasters. The house adopts a characteristic interwar townhouse format, being sited close to the road with a low fence and gravel forecourt.

The house originally had a single car garage to the south side, which was enlarged to create a double car garage by 1992.[1] More extensive works were carried out in 2014 involving a single-storey addition on the south side and an attic storey addition to the rear wing (apparently built above an existing addition).[2]The 2014 additions have a generally low-key presence to Kooyong Road and do not diminish an appreciation of the original design. The 2014 works also included narrowing of the garage door. This apart, the principal front facade has remained essentially unchanged.

The front fence may not be original but its design is consistent with the Georgian revival character of the house. The original 1934 plans show the fence in a different configuration with a central pedestrian gate and single driveway entrance.

[1] Stonnington Local History Catalogue. Reg. No. MP12980.

[2] City of Stonnington Building File BL1160/20140007/1

Local Historical Themes

The house 202 Kooyong 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'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 refined Georgian inspired 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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