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## Location

707 Malvern Road TOORAK, STONNINGTON CITY

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO631

## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

What is significant?

The Federation house known as 'McIvor', 707 Malvern Road, Toorak, a single-storey dwelling built in 1901-02.

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

- . The house's original external form, materials and detailing

. The house's high level of integrity to its original design.

Later alterations and additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

'McIvor', 707 Malvern Road, Toorak is of local architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

'McIvor', 707 Malvern Road, Toorak is a fine and highly intact example of a Federation house. The house strongly reflects the Federation Queen Anne architectural style popular in the first decade of the twentieth century in Toorak and across Melbourne more broadly. The asymmetrical composition, with complex roof forms and gabled bays, and architectural elements and materials, including tall decorative chimneys, half-timbering with roughcast render and polygonal oriel window, are typical of the style. The use of quality materials and elaborate detailing imparts a sense of grandeur and demonstrates the status of the owner in wealthy established areas such as Toorak in the early twentieth century (Criterion D).

'McIvor', 707 Malvern Road, Toorak is a carefully designed and well-resolved example of a Federation house. The unusual and prominent siting, asymmetrical composition, highly decorative projecting half-timbered gabled bays, oriel window, tiled niche and chimneys present a picturesque composition of this architectural style (Criterion E).

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Construction dates	1901,
Other Names	707 Malvern Road, Toorak,
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## Physical Description 1

The former dwelling at 707 Malvern Road is a single-storey detached building, set on a triangular allotment, with small setback to the front and side boundaries and an embankment to the rail lines at the rear. The design of the dwelling draws broadly on the Federation Queen Anne style with its asymmetrical, elongated facade and a square emphasises in plan. Constructed in 1901-02 the building now serves as a dental clinic, and appears to be in good condition.

The building has a generally square plan form with a picturesquely composed hip and gable roof clad in slate, with metal ridges and valleys. Four chimneys remain, with red brick and roughcast stacks, red brick strapping, corbelling and terracotta chimney pots (Figure 2). The wall construction is tuckpointed red brick, with roughcast above the verandah and to the eastern facade. Projecting gables dominate the south and east elevations, with roughcast and timber strapping creating a half-timbered effect to the gable ends (Figure 3). An attic level oriel window is located in the south gable end (Figure 3). A verandah with sheet metal roof (replaced) and concrete floor runs the length of the south facade, and returns on the east. It is supported on timber posts with Corinthian capitals and decorative timber brackets (Figures 3 and 4). Windows are double hung sashes with stone sills and roughcast heads. A small decorative tiled niche is located on the southern facade, with rendered architrave and sill with a decorative timber apron (Figure 5). The main entry is recessed in a semi-circular archway with stone corbels and a four-panel timber door with coloured side and fanlight is set within a timber frame.

The site is bounded by a low hedge to the south, with a tall, modern timber paling fence around the north and east and the brick wall to the west. The remainder of the site is used primarily for open car parking.

#### Integrity

The house retains a high degree of integrity to the Federation Queen Anne style in fabric, form and detail. While the house has undergone some alterations and additions including the fitting of a new door in a former window opening, the lowering of a window sill on the front elevation and the remodeling of the east elevation to build a splayed wall to accommodate a car space, these do not diminish the ability to understand and appreciate the place as a fine example of a Federation house.

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