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# Thurla

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## Location

1 Avalon Road ARMADALE, Stonnington City

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

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## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

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Thurla is of State architectural significance as a house virtually intact to its original condition and retaining its original garden setting. The house was designed by the important domestic architect Walter Butler, of Inskip & Butler, for his accountant brother Richard Butler in 1903. Acquired by Ernest Ricardo in 1904m it remained in the possession of the family until June 1992.

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Internally, lacquered joinery, polished floors, sympathetically coloured wallpapers and a notable arboreal frieze above the dining room picture rail provide a period atmosphere.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - References to National Trust of Australia (Vic) Register, National Trust of Australia, 1900;
Construction dates	1903,
Architect/Designer	Butler, Walter Richmond,
Other Names	1 Avalon Road, Armadale,
Hermes Number	30471
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

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## Local Historical Themes

8.4.1 Houses as a symbol of wealth, status and fashion 8.3.2 Gardens

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