

Miegunyah House

Location

641 Orrong Road TOORAK, Stonnington City

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO88

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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Miegunyah has state significance as a twentieth century Toorak mansion house which has retained its garden settings, and contains one of the few remaining large private gardens in Melbourne. Its associations with Sir Russell Grimwade, industrialist, naturalist and benefactor, who was responsible for major changes made to the house in the 1920s and 1930s, and made it his home from 1910 until his death in 1955, contribute to the property's historical importance. The additions, probably by Harold Desbrowe-Annear, are of architectural significance as important examples of his work, and are comparable to his work at Frankston for the same client. The architectural additions and alterations are of architectural importance also, particularly in relation to the modifications to Desbrowe-Annear's work. Further investigation of the physical fabric of the building is desirable, giving the property research significance. The grounds are also of historical and aesthetic significance as they are believed to contain landscaping features by Edna Wailing and Ellis Stones and remain one of the largest gardens in the area, with extensive canopy visible from the roadway.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Prahran Conservation Study Identification of Buildings & Areas of Major Significance, Nigel Lewis & Associates, 1983; Stonnington - Conservation Review City of Prahran Volume 2: Individual Buildings (A1), Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Construction dates	1850,

Architect/Designer	Shields, William M., Alsop, Rodney H, Annear, Harold Desbrowe, Klingender, FL, Meldrum & Noad,
Other Names	641 Orrong Road, Toorak,
Hermes Number	30675
Property Number	

Local Historical Themes

First Owner - (Possibly) John Goodman 8.4.1 Houses as a symbol of wealth, status and fashion 3.2.2 A 'woolly aristocracy' - squatters and their town houses 6.3 Constructing capital city economies 8.3.2 Gardens

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