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# SHOPS

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## Location

476-478 TOORAK ROAD, TOORAK, STONNINGTON CITY

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO172

## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

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The shops at 476-478 Toorak Road are of regional and possibly state significance as a fine and substantially intact example of Old English commercial mode of the interwar period, and for their role within the important Toorak village group of Old English Shops. They are of additional significance as a fine example of the commercial work of Robert Bell Hamilton, a prominent commercial and domestic architect in this period and a leader in the use of Old English modes in the interwar years.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Prahran Character and Conservation Study 1992, Nigel Lewis & Graeme Butler & Associates, 1992;
Construction dates	1929,
Architect/Designer	Hamilton, Robert B.,
Hermes Number	30843
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The two storey shopfront at 476-478 Toorak Road is chiefly of note for its Old English character and the fine detailing of its materials. This is particularly evident in the timber framed oriel to the first floor, with its leadlight windows, and the carefully executed tapestry brickwork to the ground floor.

The rather stylised symmetry of the composition is typical for commercial premises in the mode, as opposed to the studied asymmetry mandatory for residential work. The half timbering of the first floor, the terracotta shingle roof and the central gable with weathervane are all emblematic of the Old English and its Arts and Crafts, vernacular influences. The facade remains substantially intact

## Local Historical Themes

### 7.2 Creating specialised shopping centres

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