
Grenfell House



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Location

9 Mernda Road KOOYONG, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO244

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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Grenfell is of regional significance as a pioneering design reflecting a modern interpretation of the Arts & Crafts idiom. The property is enhanced by the intact early landscaping

Heritage
Study/Consultant

Stonnington - City of Malvern Heritage Study, Nigel Lewis and Richard Aitken P/L,
1992;

Construction dates	1932,
Architect/Designer	Spowers, Godfrey,
Other Names	9 Mernda Road, Toorak,
Hermes Number	31136
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

A rather stylish derivation of the Old English style anticipating architectural characteristics of modern architects of the late 1930s to the 50s. It has a main transverse gable with projecting dormers with brick apices. The main feature is the projecting gable towards the house which has a central chimney breast extending from it and the chimney extending through the projected eaves at the gable end. The base of the chimney is of rustic stonework of sandstone and terracotta shingles are used for capping the extension. A skillion roof extends from the main projecting gable down to a very low level and this contains the entry and the small side wing. The entry arch adjacent is a triple reveal, framed in tapestry bricks. These are also used for the three small matching adjacent windows having arched voussoirs with tapestry bricks. The windows are casement windows with a simple rectangular grid of leaded glass.

The grounds are magnificent and a massive oak tree dominates the front garden. Crazy paving and a lawn path in front of the house extends from the main gates in a sweep to the rear garage. The side garden has a sunken pool and the whole is very intact, including the original brick fence. This uses the same tapestry brick capping with elegant wrought iron gates.

Local Historical Themes

8.4.2 Functional, eccentric and theatrical - experimentation and innovation in architecture 8.4.1 Houses as a symbol of wealth, status and fashion

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