
House

Location

68 Hopetoun Road MALVERN, Stonnington City

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO314

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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68 Hopetoun Road is of state significance as an outstanding example of the International style which achieves its architectural character without resorting to any decorative devices. It is one of the best examples of the European Modern Movement. [1]

References

[1] Based on Citation prepared by Graeme Butler

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Malvern Heritage Study, Nigel Lewis and Richard Aitken P/L, 1992;
Construction dates	1936,

Architect/Designer	McMillan, A Mortimer,
Other Names	68 Hopetoun Road, Malvern,
Hermes Number	31342
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The following quotation from *Australian Home Beautiful* probably understates its impact for such a modern design:

Conspicuously placed, ultramodern in style and with the cement rendering tinted to a decided pink, the building has attracted a great deal of attention. It has none rooms and several sun-decks, and has been angled to take as great advantage as possible of sunlight and air.

This house has the sophistication of the 1920s European Modern Designs, including De Stijl group, Luckhardts' Berlin houses or the Bauhaus Maters' houses by Gropius. It is dramatically angled on this prominent intersection. This creates an impressive interaction both within and from the site. Angled walls skilfully avoid a monotony of forms that can arise from this style. Horizontal canopies link window groups and building forms.

Since 1992, a new high wall has been built along the Toorak Road frontage, returning along Hopetoun Road to meet with the original low wall. A new off street park and high walls have altered the southern end of the Hopetoun Road boundary. There is no other obvious change to the external building fabric.

Local Historical Themes

8.4.2 Functional, eccentric and theatrical - experimentation and innovation in architecture

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