
Wombalana

Location

704 Toorak Road TOORAK, Stonnington City

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO343

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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Wombalana is of regional significance for its unusually simple design of the verandah, Craftsman detailing and building forms, which create a distinctive architectural character to this building. It also illustrates the social desirability of trend setting weatherboard houses at this period.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Malvern Heritage Study, Nigel Lewis and Richard Aitken P/L, 1992;
Construction dates	1916,
Architect/Designer	Blackett, WAM,
Other Names	704 Toorak Road, Toorak,
Hermes Number	31519
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

A striking early form of a bungalow style, built in 1916. Single storey and weatherboard, it has rough cast finish to the chimneys and chimney breast. The walls are round-edged weatherboards (presumably once dark stained hardwood). The front elevation is dominated by the massive wide gable, the upper section of which is clad in shingles. The gable is extended and eaves supported by angle brackets. The top apex of the gable has a slim horizontal band of double louvres which are of a pronounced Craftsman character.

Beneath the shingled gable apex is a row of projecting ceiling joists. It has a well detailed verandah with half-housed timber lattice of a rectangular pattern, forming a frieze as well as an infill between double posts. There are exposed rafters beneath the wide eaves overhang, supported by further angle bracketed struts. The building is relatively intact but is partially obscured from the street by a high brick wall. It has an overgrown mature garden that is dominated on the street by a massive eucalypt. In 1992, the garage on the side was of a later date. The only change since that date has been the construction of a single storey side rear wing, set behind the main body of the original house; it was under construction the time of the survey. It appeared that it would be in character to the main house.

Local Historical Themes

8.4.2 Functional eccentric and theatrical - experimentation and innovation in architecture

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