
Avalon Residence



14 Power Avenue, Toorak



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Location

14 Power Avenue TOORAK, Stonnington City

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO332

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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Avalon is of regional significance as a distinguished example of the English Arts and Crafts style, especially as seen in the work of the architect C.F.A. Voysey. Major attributes include the simple yet powerful roof form, whose wide hip is extended out over exaggerated eaves, supported on eaves brackets projecting bays. The sheer walls punctuated by fenestration and the use of shingling are especially distinctive features. The original design has been extended sympathetically by the same architectural firm. Avalon remained for a long period in the ownership of the Butler family.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Malvern Heritage Study, Nigel Lewis and Richard Aitken P/L, 1992;
Construction dates	1914,
Architect/Designer	Butler, Walter Richmond,
Other Names	14 Power Avenue, Toorak,
Hermes Number	31445
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Avalon is a large single hipped residence with exaggerated eaves supported on angle brackets and covering cantilevered window bays. The simplicity of the design and the powerful building form made this building one of the landmarks of the combination of the Prairie style and Craftsman styles with the English Arts and Crafts movement. The building has a slate roof, rough cast walls, timber shingling and projecting bays. The building was extended by the Butler practice in 1925 but the building remained in the Butler family until the late 1980s. The building has been subject to some recent alterations after its change of ownership. The alterations have included some changes to windows on the western elevation and modification to the entry creating a projecting porch as well as a new high masonry fence. While the work is generally sympathetic, it resulted in the loss of some early details and its outstanding integrity.

Local Historical Themes

8.4.3 Architects and their houses 8.4.1 Houses as a symbol of wealth, status and fashion

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