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## Residence



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### Location

48 Grange Road TOORAK, STONNINGTON CITY

### Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO490

### Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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### Statement of Significance

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Note that the relevant HERCON criteria are shown in brackets.

#### *What is Significant?*

The double-storey interwar Mediterranean style house at 48 Grange Road, Toorak was erected in 1928 to designs by the prominent architectural firm of A &K Henderson.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

- The original external form, materials and detailing of the building.
- The generally high level of external intactness.
- The domestic garden setting (but not the fabric of the garden)

Modern elements do not contribute to the significance of the place.

*How is it significant?*

The house at 48 Grange Road, Toorak of local architectural significance to the City of Stonnington.

*Why is it significant?*

The house is architecturally significant as an impressive and substantially intact interwar Mediterranean style house (Criterion D).

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Stonnington - City of Stonnington Interwar Houses Study, Bryce Raworth Pty Ltd, 2014; |
| Construction dates        | 1928,   |
| Architect/Designer        | Henderson, A & K,   |
| Hermes Number             | 200308  |
| Property Number           |   |

## Physical Description 1

The house at 48 Grange Road is a substantial double-storey interwar Mediterranean style building sited on the corner of Struan Street. It has smooth rendered walls and a hipped roof with terracotta Cordova tiles. Cordova tiles are also used for the chimney capping. The focal point of the design is a grandly proportioned arcaded semi-circular entry porch. The porch links the main double storey wing with a single storey front wing originally containing the servants' accommodation. A single 'barley sugar' column can be found between the round arched windows above the entry porch. The house otherwise takes a restrained approach to ornament and in this respect is characteristic of the Mediterranean idiom.

The house appears to remain substantially intact externally with little change to the building footprint from that shown on the first MMBW plan of 1928. Building permits were issued for external decking on the west side of the house in 2009 and a lift at the rear, sited between the main double storey house and the attached single-storey garage.[1] Council records also include 1972 working drawings showing various internal works and comparatively minor works to the east (side) elevation.[2] Most of the window and door openings on the west elevation have modern retractable awnings or roller shutters. Window and door frames on the first floor of the west elevation also appear to have been replaced, albeit with frames adopting a sympathetic multi-pane format.

[1] Stonnington Building File BS1421/2010/0066/0

[2] Stonnington Building File BS1421/2010/0066/0

## Local Historical Themes

The house at 48 Grange Road, Toorak illustrates the following theme, as identified in the *Stonnington Thematic Environmental History* (Context Pty Ltd, 2006):

TEH 8.4.1 - Houses as a symbol of wealth, status and fashion

The house illustrates the role of houses generally, and large architect designed Mediterranean inspired houses in particular, as symbols of wealth, status and taste for Melbourne's upper classes of the interwar period (TEH 8.4.1 - Houses as a symbol of wealth, status and fashion).

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