
KELVIN MANSIONS, 325 Dandenong Road, Prahran

Location

325 DANDENONG ROAD, PRAHRAN, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO31

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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'Kelvin Mansions' is a fine surviving example of early mansion blocks which were developed after World War I along the major public transport routes. The large flats originally in the block were characteristic of the better quality units built along prestigious roads, such as St. Kilda and Dandenong Roads.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Stonnington - Prahran Conservation Study Identification of Buildings & Areas of Major Significance, Nigel Lewis & Associates, 1983; Stonnington - Conservation Review City of Prahran Volume 2: Individual Buildings (A1), Context Pty Ltd, 1993; |
| Construction dates | 1922, 1932, |
| Architect/Designer | Ruck, Edwin J, |
| Other Names | Luxury Flats, |
| Hermes Number | 30521 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The three-storey brick and stucco building has a terracotta tile roof with elaborate terracotta ridge tiling and finials.

Bay windows and balconies flank the central curved, stuccoed balconies about which the front elevation is symmetrical. The upper two stories are identical while the ground floor has porthole windows in place of the balconies above. Although the symmetrical front is a common design for flats of this period, 'Kelvin Mansions' is unusual in that the entrances to the flats was from the side rather than the more common front entrances. While the building presents a facade to Dandenong Road, it imparts a domestic character through the use of the multiple hipped and gabled roof and the elegantly detailed canopies to the curved bay windows and balconies.

Local Historical Themes

8.6.3 Architect-designed apartments

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