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Location

6 Sidwell Avenue ELSTERNWICK, GLEN EIRA CITY

Municipality

GLEN EIRA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO64

Heritage Listing

Glen Eira City

Statement of Significance

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The "Rothesay Court Flats" were built between 1928 and 1931 for Mrs. Amy Gardner and Mrs. Stella Russell and may include remnants of the pre-existing house known as "St. Sidwell's. The complex is historically of interest and aesthetically important. It is of interest historically (Criterion A) for its capacity to demonstrate the wave of flat building in East St. Kilda characteristic of the inter war years and especially prominent to the west. It is aesthetically important (Criterion E) as an outstanding Neo-Classical complex of its type, being distinctive for its rigorous symmetry, juxtaposition of Tuscan porticoes and terraced garden.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glen Eira - City of Glen Eira Heritage Management Plan, Andrew Ward, Architectural Historian, 1996;
Other Names	"St. Sidwells" (1900, house), "Rothesay Court Flats" (1931),
Hermes Number	35240
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The "Rothesay Court Flats" is an exceptionally imposing complex arranged symmetrically on a large allotment with spacious lawns sloping down to a low cement faced fence at Sidwell Avenue. Construction is of red brick with stuccoed enrichment and the style is Neo-Classical. There are pavilions at either end with paired window bays and flights of steps giving access to the upper level flats, the points of entry being protected by Tuscan order porticoes giving emphasis to the symmetrical arrangement of the elements. The axis is reinforced by a centrally located, recessed portico, approached via a staircase and terraced garden recalling Italian precedents.

This portico has a parapet concealing the roof from view and is two storeys high with a wrought iron balustrade and garden lights.

Physical Description 2

High, includes front fence with pillars to gateways and pergolas with presumed cast iron columns of a possibly earlier date.

Physical Description 3

Condition: sound

Historical Australian Themes

Glen Eira as a pre-eminent inter-war suburb.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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