
Carlaminda



B7103 Carlaminda

Location

577 Toorak Road and Cnr Lansell Road,, TOORAK VIC 3142 - Property No B7103

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

State

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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What is significant? The large streamlined modern house with surgery rooms on the ground floor was built in 1938 for Dr Fenton-Bowen, and designed by architects Rhys Hopkins and Shannon. It was built by J A E Humphries, the well known builder who helped create the notable Golf Links Estate in Camberwell, and father of the famous Barry Humphries. Family legend has it that he designed the house, but it seems more likely that he simply admired it.

The house is constructed of special flat dark Manganese bricks, giving it a dark brooding quality, and emphasizing the horizontal lines of the design. There is a prominent semi-circular bay on the main corner, a slim projecting concrete projection over the ground floor windows, curved corners and windows, and a flat roof combining to make a most distinctive modernist design.

How is it significant? The Moderne style mansion Carlaminda is significant for aesthetic and architectural reasons at a State level.

Why is it significant? Architecturally and aesthetically, Carlaminda is an excellent and unusual example of the

Streamlined Moderne. The use of dark manganese bricks for the main walls is rare in Victoria, and with the dark window frames, curved corners, projecting window hood and roof garden, the house has a quiet sophistication. It is one of the few very large houses in the Moderne style in Melbourne, a style not commonly used, and rarely in such a thorough manner, for domestic construction in this state. It is a landmark in the heart of Toorak, the traditional home of Melbourne's wealthy elite.

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