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## 420-424 Punt Road, South Yarra



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### Location

420-424 Punt Road, SOUTH YARRA VIC 3141 - Property No 35351

### Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO463

### Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### *What is Significant?*

The house at 420-424 Punt Road, South Yarra was constructed c1942 for pharmacist Harold M Ogg to designs by architect Verner Fick. It is notable for its integrity to its original form and design. All early fabric including the brick front fence contributes to the significance of the house. The house's open garden setting also makes an important contribution to the significance of the place, although the garden is not, in itself, a significant element.

### *How is it Significant?*

420-424 Punt Road is of local architectural and historical significance to the City of Stonnington.

### *Why is it Significant?*

420-424 Punt Road is architecturally significant as a handsome and unusual 1940s villa integrating English Domestic Revival and Moderne elements (*TEH 8.4.2 Functional eccentric and theatrical - experimentation and innovation in architecture, Criterion E*). The building is noteworthy for its high level of integrity to its early form.

420-424 Punt Road illustrates the role of houses generally, and English Domestic Revival style houses in particular, as symbols of wealth, status and taste for Melbourne's middle and upper classes of the interwar period (*TEH 8.4.1 - Houses as a symbol of wealth, status and fashion, Criterion D*).

The building is of some additional historical significance for its ability to demonstrate how affluent middle class housing development took place in and near the generally higher, northern parts of the former City of Prahran, away from the more densely populated low lying areas to the south (*TEH 8.2 Middle-class suburbs and the suburban ideal; Criterion A*). This pattern of development emerged in the nineteenth century and was consolidated through interwar subdivisions.

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## **Physical Description 1**

The house is located on the eastern side of Punt Road, South Yarra, a little to the north of Toorak Road. It is an impressive, two-storey villa integrating traditional vernacular forms derived from English Domestic Revival sources with Moderne elements. The house is constructed of clinker bricks with a steeply pitched hipped and gabled roof clad in terracotta shingles and enlivened by 'eye-lid' dormer windows and tall chimneys. The asymmetrically composed facade has a curved steel framed window bay on the ground floor and a curved first floor balcony with a decorative metal handrail characteristic of the interwar Moderne style.

The site retains an original or early front fence of brick and terracotta shingle tile construction echoing the design of the house. The fence has a relatively recent metal gate.

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