

## Residence



1 Linlithgow Road, Toorak



Recommended extent of heritage overlay for 1 Linlithgow Road, Toorak.

### Location

1 Linlithgow Road TOORAK, STONNINGTON CITY

### Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO507

## 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 house at 1 Linlithgow Road, Toorak is a substantial double-storey Georgian revival style residence designed by the noted architectural practice of W & R Butler. It was built c1919 on land subdivided from the nineteenth century Eilyer mansion estate.

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 relatively high integrity of the character and appearance of the place.
- The domestic garden setting (but not the fabric of the garden itself)
- The low front fence and the piers at the driveway entrances.
- The absence of modern vehicle accommodation in the front setback other than the existing low-key garage addition.

Non-original fabric, including the garage, is not significant.

### *How is it significant?*

The house at 1 Linlithgow Road is of local architectural significance to the City of Stonnington.

### *Why is it significant?*

The house is architecturally significant as a good interpretation of the interwar Georgian revival idiom with overtones of the Prairie School style. The simple architectural lines and strong horizontal emphasis found on the south and east facades, and the formal asymmetrical composition provide an elegant design that is a fine representation of the characteristics of interwar Toorak mansions (Criterion D). It is an important building from the renowned practice of Walter and Richard Butler.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Stonnington Interwar Houses Study, Bryce Raworth Pty Ltd, 2014;
Construction dates	1919,
Architect/Designer	Butler, Walter & Richard,
Hermes Number	197693
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The building at 1 Linlithgow Road is a substantial double-storey house with an asymmetrical facade exhibiting a restrained Georgian revival character. The principal wing containing an entry porch has a low pitched slate roof and wide eaves giving a horizontal emphasis. The roof is dominated by a massive chimney. A secondary service wing projects towards the street and is of slightly lower scale. Walls have a render finish principally of a rough cast texture, with a smooth render for a string course separating the floors, providing mouldings to the chimneys and defining the entry portico. The windows have glazing bars of a Georgian-influenced form. The entry porch comprises a classically-derived pediment set on Ionic columns. The principal rooms are orientated towards the rear garden, well concealed from the street. The front forecourt has a simple double entry drive with rough cast rendered piers and a low fence in between.

The house is substantially intact in terms of its streetscape presentation apart from a low set garage addition. The original architectural drawings show a different vaulted entry porch and chimney design that were not built. The current portico design can be seen in a 1932 photograph.[1] It is understood that extensive alterations have occurred internally and to the rear and west side elevations.[2]

[1] Stonnington Amendment L47(d) Citation *1 Linlithgow Road, Valima, Toorak*. p.159.

[2] *Stonnington Planning Scheme Amendment L47(D) Panel Report Part 2*, p.145.

## Local Historical Themes

The house at 1 Linlithgow Road, Toorak illustrates the following themes, as identified in the *Stonnington Thematic Environmental History* (Context Pty Ltd, 2006):

8.1.3 - The end of an era - mansion estate subdivisions in the twentieth century

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

The house is of some historical interest as evidence of a major phase of development that took place after the First World War when many of Toorak's grand nineteenth century mansion estates were subdivided to create prestigious residential enclaves (TEH 8.1.3 The end of an era - mansion estate subdivisions in the twentieth century). It also illustrates the role of houses generally, and refined Georgian 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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