Residence

1 Chesterfield Avenue, Malvern

Location

1 Chesterfield Avenue MALVERN, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO523

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

The relevant HERCON criteria are shown in brackets.

What is Significant?
The substantial Old English style house at 1 Chesterfield Avenue, Malvern was constructed c1928 to designs by architects Hudson and Wardrop. It was built on a nineteenth century subdivision, at a time when Malvern was experiencing a major growth in suburban housing.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

-The original external form, materials and detailing.
-The generally high integrity to its original design.
-The unpainted state of the face brick and terracotta elements.
-The domestic garden setting (but not the fabric of the garden itself).

Modern fabric, including the verandah glazing and flat roofed carport, is not significant.

How is it significant?
The house at 1 Chesterfield Avenue is of local architectural significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?
The house is architecturally significant as a large, well-designed interwar Old English style residence with a good level of external integrity (Criterion D). It is illustrative of Hudson and Wardop's status as one of the foremost practitioners of the Old English style in interwar Melbourne.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Stonnington Interwar Houses Study, Bryce Raworth Pty Ltd, 2014;
Construction dates	1928,
Architect/Designer	Hudson & Wardrop,
Hermes Number	200319
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The property at 1 Chesterfield Avenue, Malvern is occupied by a substantial double-storey Old English style house. It has a clinker brick ground floor and half-timbered first floor with a steep timber shingle gable end facing Chesterfield Avenue. The street facade is visually anchored by a tall, boldly modelled brick chimney with angled shafts and corbelled caps. Windows typically have multi-pane sash frames.

The gable roofed porte cochere on the east side of the house has been enclosed and the arcaded ground floor front verandah has been glazed-in. A metal deck roofed carport has been built on the west side of the house. The brick front fence also appears to be a comparatively recent addition to the site. Despite these changes, and the demolition of the original three-car garage and servant's wing, the house presents to the street as being largely intact.

Local Historical Themes

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

8.2.3 'The City of Real Homes' - development of Malvern after World War I.

8.4.1 Houses as a symbol of wealth, status and fashion

The house is of some historical interest as evidence of the major period of suburban growth occurring in the former City of Malvern in the 1920s and 1930s. This phase of development firmly established Malvern's character as a dormitory suburb, predominately consisting of detached middle and upper middle class dwellings in garden settings (TEH 8.2.3 The City of Real Homes' - development of Malvern after World War 1). It also illustrates the

role of houses generally, and architect designed Old English style 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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