
Wiltondale



25 Heyington Place, Toorak

Location

25 Heyington Place TOORAK, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO494

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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Note that the relevant HERCON criteria are shown in brackets.

What is Significant?

Wiltondale, 25 Heyington Place, Toorak was built c1929 to designs by architect Robert Bell Hamilton. The property originally formed part of the Beaulieu (later Kilbride) mansion estate, and in recent decades was incorporated into St Catherine's School.

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 generally high level of external intactness.
- The unpainted state of the face brick and terracotta elements.
- The undeveloped front and side setbacks.
- The rendered masonry front fence.

Modern fabric, including the rear additions and metal fences, is not significant.

How is it significant?

Wiltondale, 25 Heyington Place, Toorak is of architectural significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

Wiltondale is architecturally significant as a distinctive and largely intact English Domestic Revival style house designed by important interwar architect Robert Bell Hamilton (Criterion D). The symmetrically composed facade imparts a sense of formality that is unusual for the English Domestic Revival mode (Criterion E).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Stonnington Interwar Houses Study, Bryce Raworth Pty Ltd, 2014;
Hermes Number	200323
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Physical Description 1

Wiltondale at 25 Heyington Place is a substantial interwar English Domestic Revival style house. It has a symmetrical facade with a Tudor arched arch porte cochere at the centre, flanked on either side by half-timbered window bays with herringbone pattern clinker brick infill. External walls are otherwise finished in a smooth render. The main transverse gabled roof has terracotta shingle cladding, an 'eye lid' vent at the centre and tall clinker brick chimneys at either end. Twin gable ends above the front window bays are plainly adorned apart from narrow slots. The eaves line of the main roof continues unbroken across the front of the gables. Window frames are typically double hung sashes with diamond pattern leadlight glazing characteristic of the English Domestic Revival mode.

Wiltondale presents a largely intact facade to Heyington Place apart from glazing-in of the first floor balcony. Demolition works have mainly been limited to the interior and a secondary rear wing. The original domestic character of the place remains legible despite the house having been converted into a school building with modern additions to the rear. The additions are respectfully scaled and sited behind the main envelope of the house.

Local Historical Themes

Wiltondale, 25 Heyington Place, 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

Wiltondale is of some historical interest as evidence of a major phase of development that took place in the 1920s and 1930s when subdivisions of Toorak's grand mansion estates were developed as prestigious residential enclaves (TEH 8.1.3 The end of an era - mansion estate subdivisions in the twentieth century).

Wiltondale also illustrates the role of houses generally, and architect designed English Domestic Revival 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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