
CURRAJONG and STOKESAY



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Location

155 & 157 Kooyong Road TOORAK, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO628

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

What is significant?

'Currajong' and 'Stokesay' at 155 and 157 Kooyong Road, Toorak, single-storey dwellings built in 1908.

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

. The house's original external form, materials and detailing

. The house's high level of integrity to its original design.

Later alterations and additions, such as rear additions, outbuildings and carports are not significant.

How is it significant?

'Currajong' and 'Stokesay' at 155 and 157 Kooyong Road, Toorak are of local architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

'Currajong' and 'Stokesay' at 155 and 157 Kooyong Road, Toorak are both fine and highly intact examples of Federation houses. They strongly reflect the Federation Queen Anne architectural style popular in the first decade of the twentieth century in Toorak and across Melbourne more broadly. The asymmetrical compositions with complex roof forms, and architectural elements and materials, including tall chimneys, half-timbering with roughcast render and timber detailing, are typical of the style. The use of quality materials and elaborate detailing imparts a sense of grandeur and demonstrates the status of the owner in wealthy established areas such as Toorak in the early twentieth century (Criterion D).

'Currajong' and 'Stokesay' at 155 and 157 Kooyong Road, Toorak are carefully designed and well-resolved examples of Federation houses. The asymmetrical compositions with complex hipped and gabled roof forms and diagonal emphasis, tall decorative chimneys, timber decoration and, in particular, the siting of the two houses which generally mirror each other in form, present a picturesque composition of this architectural style (Criterion E).

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Construction dates	1908,
Other Names	157 Kooyong Road, Toorak, 155 Kooyong Road, Toorak,
Hermes Number	201763
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The dwellings at 155 and 157 Kooyong Road are a pair of single-storey, detached dwellings on large suburban allotments. The pair generally mirror each other in siting, plan and massing, and share similar materials and finishes, although applied in different ways. Constructed in tuck-pointed red brick with roughcast render (overpainted), with original tiled roofs, both dwellings exhibit key characteristics of the Federation style. The dwellings remain in good condition.

No. 155 Kooyong Road has a diagonal emphasis in plan, comprising steeply pitched picturesque roof forms with decorative star ridge cappings and ball finials and red brick chimneys, with brick strapping, rendered tops and terracotta pots (Figure 6). The main roof continues at a shallow pitch to form the verandah which is supported on turned timber posts, with simple capitals and a decorative spade frieze (Figure 7). The main gable end projects to the east, and is finished with roughcast render (overpainted) and waved timber strap work creating a half-timbered effect. The gable end is supported on decorative timber brackets, with moulded bargeboard, above a projecting bay window (Figure 8). Window openings are casements, with stained glass highlights, have moulded brick sills with simple roughcast render surrounds (overpainted) (Figure 8). An elaborate arched window flanks the entrance, with roughcast rendered hood moulds and stops (overpainted). The original front door is a timber-panelled door with stained glass in an arched timber surround.

No. 157 Kooyong Road also has a diagonal emphasis in plan, comprising steeply pitched picturesque roof forms with decorative star ridge cappings and ball finials and red brick chimneys, with brick strapping, rendered neck mould, rendered coping (both overpainted) and terracotta pots (Figure 9). The main roof continues at a shallow pitch to form the verandah which is supported on roughcast rendered posts (overpainted) with brick bases. The verandah is decorated by simple timber brackets, a solid timber frieze and exposed rafter tails to the eaves (Figure 10). Gable ends project to the east and south, with vertical timber strapwork and roughcast render, supported on decorative timber brackets (Figure 11). Windows are timber casements with highlights, grouped in bays under the verandah and to the gable ends. The front door is not visible from the street.

Both dwellings are fronted by high, modern timber fences that obscure views of the dwellings. A modern carport that replicates the detailing on the house is located on the northern side of no. 155. A modern garage, with similar detailing, is located on the southern side of no.157. Both are accessed via brick driveways.

Integrity

The houses retain a high degree of integrity to the Federation Queen Anne style in fabric, form and detail. While the houses have undergone some alterations and additions, these do not diminish the ability to understand and appreciate the buildings as fine examples of Federation houses.

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