
48-50 Hopetoun Road

Location

48-50 Hopetoun Road Toorak , STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO499

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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Relevant HERCON criteria and themes from the Stonnington Thematic Environmental History (TEH) are shown in brackets.

What is Significant?

The substantial double-storey interwar Georgian revival style house at 50 Hopetoun Road, Toorak was built in 1935. The design can be attributed to local architect and builder Arnaud E Wright. The property was created through subdivision of land at the rear of a large villa named Myvore, which was built c1902 on land originally forming part of the Grosvenor 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 high level of external intactness.
- The legibility of the original built form from the public realm.
- The domestic garden setting (but not the fabric of the garden itself)

Modern fabric, including the carport, is not significant.

How is it significant?

The house at 50 Hopetoun Road, Toorak is of local architectural significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

The house is architecturally significant as an impressive and highly intact interwar Georgian revival style residence (Criterion D).

The house is of some historical interest as evidence of a major phase of development that took place in first few decades of the twentieth century when many of Toorak's large 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, Criterion A). It also illustrates the role of large architect designed houses in the fashionable Georgian revival style 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).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Stonnington Interwar Houses Study, Bryce Raworth Pty Ltd, 2014;
Other Names	50 Hopetoun Road TOORAK,
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Physical Description 1

The house at 50 Hopetoun Road is a substantial double-storey Georgian Revival style residence sited prominently on a rising allotment. It has a broadly symmetrical facade with a central pedimented break front and semi-circular entry porch supported on Ionic order columns. The porch is surmounted by a balcony with a wrought iron handrail and an elegant arched Serlian motif French door. The house otherwise adopts a restrained architectural character with little superfluous decorative ornament. The main high pitched roof has a gable over the entry porch, and is punctuated by a series of tall, simply detailed chimneys. Windows are characteristic of the Georgian revival mode, having multi-pane sash frames with louvered timber shutters.

The house appears to be largely intact in terms of its presentation to Hopetoun Road with the only apparent change being re-tiling of the roof. A freestanding modern carport is located on the north side of the house. The modest single-storey post war rear addition is concealed in views from the street.

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