
Former Glenleith



B6531 Glenleith

Location

5 Towers Road,, TOORAK VIC 3142 - Property No B6531

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Demolished/Removed

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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Glenleith was of State significance as an intact example of the work of the prolific Victorian architect Rodney H. Alsop and of the English and American influences on domestic architecture at the time of construction. Alsop was a leading protagonist of the movement in the first two decades of the twentieth century towards a simple and informal domestic style that was identified with an Australian self-image reflecting the climate and informal, egalitarian and outdoors way of life. Houses of this period were notable also for their advanced and open internal planning. Their style derived from the Arts and Crafts movement, and specifically from the English Vernacular Revival style exemplified by the work of C F A Voysey and from American Craftsman and bungalow styles. Although the primitive associations of the craftsman style originally were seen as particularly relevant to an Australian style, increasingly in the later 1910s more English and picturesque cottage style came to dominate. Glenleith, while having some American characteristics, demonstrates this shift towards a so-called English Cottage style and is significant as an exemplar of the diversity of stylistic sources on domestic architecture in the 1910s.

Classified: 06/06/1994

Hermes Number 66848

Property Number

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