

## Statement of Significance: 1-2/5 Moralla Road, Kooyong, October 2023

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**Heritage Place:** 1-2/5 Moralla Road, Toorak

**PS ref no:** HO745
 

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### What is significant?

1-2/5 Moralla Road, Kooyong, is significant. The form, scale, fenestration and materiality of the post-war modernist house and unit are of local significance, along with the rear courtyard for 2/5 Moralla Road. The landscaping for 1/5 Moralla Road and later alterations to the property are not significant.

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### How is it significant?

The site is of representative significance to the City of Stonnington.

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### Why is it significant?

1-2/5 Moralla Road, Kooyong, designed by Roy Grounds, is of representative significance as discernible example of innovative experimentation in geometric form in residential design that typified the beginning of the modernist movement in Australia. This is most evident in the built form of both structures, particularly the balcony and verandah of 2/5 Moralla Road supported restrained pillars and railing overlooking a paved courtyard, the flat roof of both structures, boxed timber eaves and exposed rafters. The lack of ornamentation, paired with Grounds' window designs, are features that would come to inform future modernist design touchstones. These features achieve visual boldness while simultaneously remaining lightweight in massing and scale. Furthermore, as with many post-war residential designs associated with the modernism idiom, the building was construction under the pressure of environmental and site constraints, specifically in relation to the dimensions of the block. (Criterion D)

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### Primary source

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