

Statement of Significance: Grenfell House, 9 Mernda Road, Kooyong, October 2023

Heritage Place: Grenfell House, Kooyong	PS ref no: HO244
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(Source: Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, 2021)

What is significant?

The property at 9 Mernda Road, Kooyong (otherwise known as Grenfell House) is significant. Specifically, the form, scale, setback and detailing of the 1932 Arts and Crafts inspired interwar era house is of local significance, as well as the remnant interwar landscaping and mature oak (*Quercus*) tree.

The front fence and gate, and later alterations and additions to the property are not significant.

How is it significant?

Grenfell House is of local representative and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

The oak (*Quercus*) tree has historical significance as a very mature tree that pre-dates Grenfell House and therefore likely relates to the former landscape of the 1840 Glen Ferrie Estate. (Criterion A)

Grenfell House is a good representative example of an Arts and Crafts style interwar era house designed by well known architects Godfrey and Spowers. It articulates the key features associated with the style, which drew on the Federation Arts and Crafts movement that stood for the integration of art into everyday life through the medium of craftsmanship in architecture. Key representative features include the use of sandstone, brick and render to express certain features of the façade, cat-slide roof, wide eaves and exterior chimney breast. (Criterion D)

Grenfell House has aesthetic significance as a highly intact, fine and visually striking example of an Arts and Crafts inspired interwar era house owing to the use of sandstone and brick, the cat-slide roof form, scale and its placement on an estate-like lot as opposed to directly fronting a street. The remnant landscaping, designed by Edna Walling, combined with the remnant mature oak (*Quercus*) tree contribute to the picturesque setting and enhance the aesthetic significance of the place. (Criterion E)

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