

Statement of Significance: Milne House, 1 Glenbervie Road, Toorak October 2023

Heritage Place: Milne House, Toorak	PS ref no: HO738
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What is significant?

The property at 1 Glenbervie Road, Toorak, (otherwise known as Milne House), is significant. The form, scale, fenestration, materiality and colour of the post-war modernist house is of local significance, along with the original carport (now a garage) and boundary wall. The garage door, pool and other later alterations and additions to the property are not significant.

How is it significant?

Milne House is of local representative significance to the City of Stonnington. It also has associative significance as a design by the highly distinguished and influential Australian architect and critic Robin Boyd.

Why is it significant?

Milne House is of representative significance as a good example of experimentation with geometric forms, spatial arrangement and site responsiveness that typified post-war modernism. This is most evident in its combination of interlocking geometric skillion roof forms and thin clerestory windows to allow light ingress, appealing geometric composition, monochromatic colour palette and 'H' shaped floor plan demarcating living and sleeping quarters. The floor plan is of particular note as a discernible example of spatial zoning and control as a central organising principle, a design principle that was gaining recognition by the 1960s. (Criterion D)

Milne House has associative significance as a residential design by the highly distinguished and influential architect Robin Boyd during the final years of his career. Its articulation of spatial control and monochromatic colour scheme in particular are features that exemplify Boyd's final body of modernist works, and thus provide insight into his design approach by the mid to late 1960s. (Criterion H)

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