

Statement of Significance: Thurla, 1 Avalon Road, Armadale, October 2023

Heritage Place: Thurla, Armadale	PS ref no: HO4
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(Source: Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, 2021)

What is significant?

The property at 1 Avalon Road, Armadale (otherwise known as Thurla) is significant. Specifically, the form, scale and detailing of Arts and Crafts/Art Nouveau residence is of local heritage significance, as well as the bluestone boundary wall, brick wall with flying buttresses on the eastern boundary, and remnant original cypress (*cupressus*) and cheesewood (*pittosporum*) plantings. The remainder of the landscaping, timber pergolas and swimming pool are not significant.

How is it significant?

Thurla is of local aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

Thurla has aesthetic significance as a fine, intact and early example of an Arts and Crafts dwelling with Art Nouveau influences. Designed by Walter Richard Butler, Art Nouveau elements of aesthetic value include the rendered leaf and flower laurel decorations on the front façade surrounding two louvered vents. Other elements of notable aesthetic value include the red brick, roof form with projecting bays and terracotta tile, rendered stucco, and decorative timber work on the projecting gable end. To the north of the carport are a series of substantial flying buttresses supporting the eastern boundary wall that contribute to the setting of the site. Finally, the bluestone boundary fence fronting the southern boundary of the property contributes to the character of the dwelling on the street. (Criterion E)

Primary source

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