

## Statement of Significance: 55 Lansell Road, Toorak (March 2022)

<b>Heritage Place:</b> 55 Lansell Road, Toorak	<b>PS ref no:</b> HO70
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(Source: Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, 2021)

### What is significant?

The property at 55 Lansell Road, Toorak is significant. Specifically, the form, scale and detailing of the Interwar Functionalist style residence and garage is of local significance, as well as the original stone boundary fence. The remaining landscaping is not significant.

### How is it significant?

The residence, garage and fence are of local historical, representative and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington, and is associated with well-known architect Harry Norris

### Why is it significant?

The residence and garage are of historical significance as the home of Sir George James Coles, founder of what would become the Coles Group retail empire. The residence was G. J. Coles' home from 1949 until his passing in 1977. (Criterion A)

The residence, garage and fence are representative of the key design principles behind Interwar Functionalist design, including curved streamline features such as the projecting window bay (like the prow of a ship), rendered brick, projecting concrete window sills and lintels, steel framed windows, glass bricks, and a raised parapet concealing the flat roof. (Criterion D)

The residence and garage have associative significance as a structure designed by the innovative Interwar architect Harry Norris, best known for his 1930s Art Deco commercial work. (Criterion H)

### Primary source

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