Statement of Significance: 68 Hopetoun Road, Toorak (March 2022)

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What is significant?

The property at 68 Hopetoun Road, Toorak is significant. Specifically, the built form, fenestration and materiality of the residence is locally significant, as well as the original driveway entry, integrated garage and low wall/garden beds along Hopetoun Road. Later alterations and additions to the property are not significant.

How is it significant?

68 Hopetoun Road, Toorak has aesthetic and representative significance to the City of Stonnington, and is associated with well-known architect A. Mortimer McMillan.

Why is it significant?

The residence is an outstanding example of the Interwar Streamline Moderne, or International, style which achieves its starkly modern, almost timeless architectural character through functional design without resorting to any decorative devices. Key characteristics are the high parapet concealing the roof, smooth rendered walls with no detailing, multi-paned long strip windows and a built form that accentuates the horizontal nature of the building. The building presents much like an ocean liner in its form and siting on the street corner. (Criterion D)

The residence and integrated garage have associative significance as an unusual example of the work of architect A. Mortimer McMillan, more commonly known for his Interwar Old English designs. (Criterion H)

Primary source

68 Hopetoun Road Toorak, Citation Report, Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, November 2021.