

Statement of Significance: 762 Orrong Road, Toorak (March 2022)

Heritage Place: 762 Orrong Road, Toorak	PS ref no: HO90
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What is significant?

The property at 762 Orrong Road, Toorak is significant. Specifically, the form, scale and detailing of the Interwar Spanish Mission house is of local significance, along with the original garage and mature English oak tree (*Quercus robur*) on the western boundary. The front boundary wall and later alterations and addition are not significant.

How is it significant?

762 Orrong Road, Toorak is of local historical, representative and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington, and is associated with the reputed Australian architectural firm, Irwin and Stevenson.

Why is it significant?

762 Orrong Road is of historical significance in demonstrating the development of early 20th century mansions and houses within Toorak. The original garage is historically important as demonstrating early 20th century parking facilities, during a time when the motor car was gaining popularity amongst the wealthy. The mature English oak tree (*Quercus robur*) on the western boundary is historically significant as a remnant planting of the now demolished 19th century residence Villa Vera. (Criterion A)

762 Orrong Road is important in demonstrating the principle characteristics of an Interwar Spanish Mission domestic design. These features include the use of roughcast render, a hipped roof form clad with Spanish cordova tiles, deep eaves, shutters and an entrance treatment with decorative render or arcaded loggia. (Criterion D)

762 Orrong Road has aesthetic significance as an intact and high quality Interwar Spanish Mission style house. Key features contributing towards this aesthetic value is the rectilinear form, coupled with a shallow-pitched gabled roof clad in Spanish cordova tiles. In addition, the presence of the mature English oak (*Quercus robur*) on the western boundary of the site contributes to the setting of the place. (Criterion E)

762 Orrong Road has associative significance as a house and garage designed by the reputed Melbourne firm Irwin and Stevenson. (Criterion H)

Primary source

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