

Statement of Significance: Avington, 3 Illawarra Crescent, Toorak (March 2022)

Heritage Place: Avington, Toorak	PS ref no: HO62
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What is significant?

The property at 3 Illawarra Crescent, Toorak (otherwise known as Avington) is significant. The form, scale and detailing of the substantial Old English Revival residence with distinct Arts and Crafts influences is of local significance, along with the original garage, boundary wall and lychgate. The landscaping, swimming pool, gym and other later alterations and additions to the property are not significant.

How is it significant?

Avington is of local aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington, and is associated with the well-reputed Australian architect, Robert Bell Hamilton.

Why is it significant?

Avington is aesthetically significant as an intact and finely detailed Old English Revival residence with distinct Arts and Crafts influences. Elements of aesthetic interest include the use of terracotta shingle style tiles to the roof, timber shingle wall cladding, the use of clinker brick, the use of leadlight and textured glass windows and decorative chimneys. Other key character elements of the site include the original garage and the original boundary wall with a lychgate. (Criterion E)

Avington has associative significance as a residence designed by the well-reputed Australian architect Robert Bell Hamilton. (Criterion H)

Primary source

3 Illawarra Crescent Toorak, Citation Report, Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, November 2021.