

Statement of Significance: Former Oma Gateway, 170 Kooyong Road, Toorak (March 2022)

Heritage Place: Former Oma Gateway, Toorak	PS ref no: HO320
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What is significant?

The property at 170 Kooyong Road, Toorak (otherwise known as Former Oma Gateway) is significant. Specifically, the original former Oma mansion boundary wall is significant and the period appropriate gate is contributory in relation to the wall. The cypress (*Cupressus*) is also significant. The contemporary house, garage and later alterations and additions behind the gates are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Former Oma Gateway is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington and is associated with the well-reputed 19th century architect, William Salway.

Why is it significant?

The Former Oma Gateway is historically significant as remnant elements of the former Oma mansion. They are an important physical reminder of the Victorian mansions on estates that once dominated and defined Toorak. The mature pine is also historically significant as a remnant example of the formerly extensive Oma Estate gardens. The gates, though not original, are period appropriate to the wall and contribute towards an understanding of the historical importance of the boundary walls. (Criterion A)

The late Victorian wall and period appropriate gate are aesthetically significant as key character elements of the site, comprising wrought iron gates, painted brick posts and brick boundary walls with rendered capping. The wall is now painted but would have originally had a red brick finish. (Criterion E)

The Former Oma Gateway has associative significance as an element design by reputed 19th century architect William Salway. (Criterion H)

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