

Statement of Significance: Moonbria Flats, 68 Mathoura Road, Toorak (March 2022)

Heritage Place: Moonbria Flats, Toorak	PS ref no: HO81
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What is significant?

The property at 68 Mathoura Road, Toorak (otherwise known as Moonbria Flats), is significant. Specifically, the scale, form and detailing of the modernist apartment block is of State significance. The garden edging, wall and plantings are not significant.

How is it significant?

Moonbria Flats are of local historical, aesthetic and associative significance to the City of Stonnington. As an intact structure designed by the pre-eminent modernist architect Roy Grounds, it also has for associative significance at the state level.

Why is it significant?

Moonbria Flats are of historical importance in demonstrating the development of early 20th century high rise apartment buildings within the suburb of Toorak, during a time when some existing residents protested against the erection of flats within a suburb that was previously known for its affluent freestanding homes. Moonbria Flats also have historical significance as a block of flats that was completed in the World War II period and subsequently occupied by servicemen and women. (Criterion A)

Moonbria Flats are aesthetically significant as an intact and visually distinct example of an early 20th century modernist apartment block. Key characteristics contributing towards its aesthetic value include the scale and form, glazing, cupola, rear courtyard, entrance treatment, and concrete balconies. (Criterion E)

Moonbria Flats have associative significance as a unique and visually distinct apartment block designed by the well-reputed Australian architect, Roy Grounds. (Criterion H)

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