

## Statement of Significance: Revell, 9 Toorak Avenue, Toorak (March 2022)

<b>Heritage Place:</b> Revell, Toorak	<b>PS ref no:</b> HO342
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(Source: Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, 2021)

### What is significant?

The property known at 9 Toorak Avenue (otherwise known as Revell), is significant. Specifically, the form, scale, fenestration and detailing of the Arts and Craft Prairie style dwelling is of local significance. The front boundary wall, swimming pool, driveway and later alterations and additions to the property are not significant.

### How is it significant?

Revell is of local aesthetic and representative significance to the City of Stonnington, and is associated with the well-known architect Edward Fielder Bilson as well as the renowned architectural pioneer of the Prairie style in Australia, Walter Burley Griffin.

### Why is it significant?

Revell has representative value as a highly intact and articulated example of the Prairie style in the municipality. This is readily exemplified in its low pitched hipped roof with a wide, low chimney on the ridge line, its boxed eaves with exaggerated overhangs, vertical piers across the front façade, and simple repetition of casement windows that create a wide, horizontal character common in most Prairie School designs. (Criterion D)

Revell has associative significance as a house designed by the well-known architect Edward Fielder Bilson. It is also linked to the prominent architect Walter Burley Griffin, who is particularly recognised for pioneering the Prairie style in Australia. Griffin was Bilson's employer at the time of Revell's erection and his stylistic influence on the dwelling is clear. (Criterion H)

### Primary source

*Revell, 9 Toorak Avenue Toorak, Citation Report, Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, November 2021.*