

Statement of Significance: Risdon, 11 Russell Street, Toorak (March 2022)

Heritage Place: Risdon, Toorak	PS ref no: HO333
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(Source: Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, 2021)

What is significant?

The property at 11 Russell Street, Toorak (otherwise known as 'Risdon') is significant. The scale, form and detailing of the substantial interwar Georgian Revival residence is of local significance. The landscaping and front fence are not significant.

How is it significant?

Risdon is of local aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington, and is associated with the famed Australian architectural firm, Oakley & Parkes.

Why is it significant?

Risdon is aesthetically significant as a restrained, yet intact and well-presented interwar Georgian Revival residence. Key characteristics of aesthetic value include the rectilinear two-storey built form, double-fronted façade, shallow-pitched hipped roof, decorative floral plasterwork, a pillared portico, rising sun motif and multi-pane windows with timber shutters. (Criterion E)

Risdon has associative significance as a house designed by the famed Australian architectural firm, Oakley & Parkes, who were responsible for designing the Prime Minister's Lodge in Canberra in 1926-7 and for which this house shares many design qualities. (Criterion H)

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