# Statement of Significance: The Orrong Hotel, 711 High Street, Armadale (March 2022)

| **Heritage Place:** The Orrong Hotel, Armadale | **PS ref no:** HO753 |
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(Source: Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, 2021)

## What is significant?

The property at 711 High Street, Armadale, otherwise known as The Orrong Hotel, is significant. Specifically, the form, scale, setback, fenestration and sitting of the Streamline Moderne style hotel is of local significance, along with the neon 'Fosters Lager' sign. Later alterations and additions to the property are not significant.

## How is it significant?

The Orrong Hotel is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

## Why is it significant?

The Orrong Hotel is historically significant in demonstrating the major interwar era trend of rebuilding or remodelling Victorian era hotels to the Art Deco style following the introduction of the Licenses Reduction Board. As a former Victorian era hotel that was later completely rebuilt, the Orrong Hotel illustrates how liquor legislation in Victoria stemming from the lead up to World War I impacted the design and appearance of local pubs within the City of Stonnington. Moreover, as a long-running local pub, the Orrong Hotel also provides a tangible link to the way locals wined, dined, and socialised in the past. (Criterion A)

The Orrong Hotel is aesthetically significant as a Streamline Moderne style pub on a prominent street corner. Key attributes contributing to its aesthetic value include its emphasis on horizontal built form, curved lines and corner awning, steeped cube corner tower, geometric parapet along the western elevation, imposing scale and height, corner sitting, original upper floor fenestration, and original face brick chimneys. These elements, combined with the original neon 'Fosters Lager' sign, render the site a distinctive and visually striking local landmark within the suburb of Armadale. (Criterion E)

## Primary source

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