

Statement of Significance: Trawalla Court, 24 Lascelles Avenue, Toorak (March 2022)

Heritage Place: Trawalla Court, Toorak	PS ref no: HO321
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What is significant?

The property at 24 Lascelles Avenue, Toorak (otherwise known as Trawalla Court) is significant. Specifically, the scale, form and detailing of the Art Deco apartment block (original three levels and chimneys), brick entry stairs and brick garden edging are locally significant. The fourth floor of the building and plantings are not significant.

How is it significant?

Trawalla Court is of historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington, and has associative significance as a building designed by well-reputed architect, Gordon J. Sutherland.

Why is it significant?

Trawalla Court is 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. (Criterion A)

Trawalla Court is aesthetically significant as an intact, visually distinct and unusual example of an early 20th century Interwar Art Deco apartment block. Key characteristics contributing towards its aesthetic value include the scale, arched diocletian windows, entrance stairs and detailing, decorative plasterwork and roughcast render, decorative parapet, curved bays below some windows and brick garden edging. (Criterion E)

Trawalla Court has associative significance as an apartment block designed by the well-reputed Australian architect, Gordon J. Sutherland. As an Art Deco building, it is an unusual example of his work. (Criterion H)

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