

## Statement of Significance: Troon, 746 Orrong Road, Toorak (March 2022)

<b>Heritage Place:</b> Troon, Toorak	<b>PS ref no:</b> HO744
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### What is significant?

The apartment block at 746 Orrong Road, Toorak, (otherwise known as Troon), is significant. Specifically, the built form, scale, fenestration and materiality of the Post-war Modernist apartment block is of local significance. The landscaping and later alterations and additions to the property are not significant.

### How is it significant?

Troon is of historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington. It also has associative significance as a design by the architectural partnership of married couple John and Phyllis Murphy.

### Why is it significant?

Troon is historically significant to the City of Stonnington as a highly intact example of the historical rise in high-rise luxury apartment blocks in Toorak in the immediate post-war years. Prior to this rise, Toorak was characterised by remnant Victorian estates that were subdivided and re-developed at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century through to the interwar years. The widespread development of architect designed high density apartments in the post-war era continued this subdivision trend. This phase of development not only altered the physical character of Toorak's streetscapes, but also changed the social make-up of the suburb by encouraging more single people to live within the area. (Criterion A)

Troon is aesthetically significant to the City of Stonnington as a highly and striking intact Post-war Modernist apartment block. Comprising of two bays constructed in concrete bricks with a natural finish running perpendicular and joined by floating concrete and steel walkways, a flat roof with deep eaves shadowing floor-to-ceiling windows, undercroft carpark and matching concrete brick front boundary fence. In addition, the building includes a mounted pressed metal stylised lion motif. The flats is distinguished by a harmonious, well-balanced, and clean aesthetic that embodies the key attributes associated with Post-war Modern apartment design. (Criterion E)

Troon has associative significance as a fine Post-war Modern apartment design by the architectural partnership of married couple John and Phyllis Murphy, who were recognised for their discreet and elegant interpretations of modernist design. Phyllis Murphy is also of particular note as one of the few influential female architects practicing in this idiom during the post-war era. (Criterion H)

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