Statement of Significance: 7 Turnbull Avenue, Toorak (March 2022)

Heritage Place: 7 Turnbull Avenue, Toorak	**PS ref no:** HO729



(Source: Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, 2021)

What is significant?

The property at 7 Turnbull Avenue, Toorak, is significant. Specifically, the built form, setback, materiality, detailing and fenestration of the Interwar Old English house is locally significant. The clinker brick front boundary fence is a contributory element. The garage, though sympathetic in style, is not significant. Later alterations and additions to the property are also not significant.

How is it significant?

7 Turnbull Avenue is of local representative and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington. It is also of associative significance as a house designed and built by C. L. Greenhill, a noted local architect and builder responsible for the erection of several interwar residences across Toorak and Kooyong.

Why is it significant?

7 Turnbull Avenue is of representative significance as a substantially intact and discernible Interwar Old English residence with Tudor Revival influences. The dwelling encompasses all the characteristics typically associated with this style, including a steeply pitched transverse gable roof with terracotta Marseilles tiles, rendered chimneys, half-timbered gables with timber battens and half-brick, diamond pattern leadlight windows and façade asymmetry. (Criterion D)

7 Turnbull Avenue is of aesthetic significance as a fine and picturesque Interwar Old English house with Tudor Revival influences. Key attributes contributing to its aesthetic value include its picturesque asymmetry achieved through a carefully balanced composition, steeply pitched roof form, visually contrasting materiality and colour, fenestration, detailing, setback and sympathetic clinker brick front fence. These aspects combine create a unified and attractive residence when viewed from the street. (Criterion E)

7 Turnbull Avenue has associative significance as a house designed and built by the noted local architect and builder C. L. Greenhill, who was responsible for the construction of several residences across Toorak and Kooyong, including Walter Burley Griffin's reputed knitlock designed house at 16 Glyndebourne Avenue, Toorak. (Criterion H)

Primary source

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