# Statement of Significance: Haarlem, 32 Rockley Road, South Yarra (June 2026)

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| **Heritage Place:** | Haarlem<br>32 Rockley Road, South Yarra | **PS ref no:** | HO803 |



**Figure 1:** *Street frontage of Haarlem, 32 Rockley Road, South Yarra* (GJM Heritage, July 2024).

## What is significant?

Haarlem at 32 Rockley Road, South Yarra, constructed 1915.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include:

- Attic-storey house in the Arts and Crafts style of the early interwar period
- Brick house with roughcast render to upper walls
- Dominant slate-clad gabled roof forms
- Asymmetrical principal elevation with broad timber shingle-clad gable end
- Deep curved porch at the south-west corner, with hit and miss red brick base and substantial roughcast rendered rectangular columns and exposed rafters supporting the roof
- Large polygonal timber-framed window bay at the principal elevation with exposed rafter ends and bracketed slate-clad hood
- Tall rendered tapered chimneys, with red brick crowns and tall chimney pots
- Original or early slate-clad gabled roof brick garage at the south-eastern corner of the house.

Rear additions do not contribute to the significance of the place. While the front fence and gate are consistent with the architectural period of the property, they are of more recent construction and do not contribute to the significance of the place.

## How is it significant?

Haarlem at 32 Rockley Road, South Yarra is of local historical, representative and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

## Why is it significant?

Haarlem at 32 Rockley Road, South Yarra has strong associations with the development of the municipality in the early twentieth century. This period of development transformed the built environment and social character of the area when substantial mansion estates were subdivided to create high quality, higher density residential development. Constructed on land that formed part of the 1908 Howey Estate subdivision, Haarlem at 32 Rockley Road clearly illustrates this important phase of development in the City of Stonnington (Criterion A).

Haarlem at 32 Rockley Road, South Yarra is a fine and substantially intact representative example of an attic-storey house in the Arts and Crafts style of the early twentieth century. It displays typical characteristics of this style including dominant slate-clad gabled roofs, asymmetrical principal elevation with broad timber shingle-clad gable end and curved corner porch, large polygonal timber-framed window bay with slate-clad hood, rough cast rendering to red brick walls and columns, tall rendered chimneys, exposed rafters and rafter ends, hit and miss brickwork and associated original or early brick garage with slate-clad gabled roof (Criterion D).

Haarlem at 32 Rockley Road, South Yarra is a finely executed interpretation of the Arts and Crafts style of the early twentieth century. The refined detailing, including a broad main gable with timber shingle-cladding, deep curved corner porch with exposed rafters and hit and miss brick base, large polygonal bay window with slate-clad bracketed hood, tall tapered chimneys with tall terracotta pots, presents a highly resolved expression of this architectural style (Criterion E).

## Primary source

*South Yarra Heritage Review* (GJM Heritage, March 2025).