

'CRANLANA' GARDEN AND GATES
62 Clendon Road, Toorak



Recommendations It is recommended that this garden be added to the Register of the National Estate and be protected using the provisions of Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule). This garden is of statewide importance and should be protected by the provisions of the Historic Buildings Act or other future legislation which covers a site of this nature.

History and Description In 1930, the architect Harold Desbrowe Annear was commissioned by Sidney Myer to design his garden at 'Cranlana', 62 Clendon Road, Toorak. This being the only known garden design by this architect, Annear employed the Italianate style with the inclusion of fountains, urns and statues, and designed the wrought iron gates which were subsequently hand wrought by Caslakes.

Significance The gardens of 'Cranlana', one of many similar once found in Toorak, is among few surviving. It is an unusual design thought to be influenced by Sidney Myer and is the only known garden design by the leading Melbourne architect, Harold Desbrowe Annear. The wrought iron gates are of particular note.

Intactness The garden of 'Cranlana' is in good condition and has undergone little alteration since its conception.

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