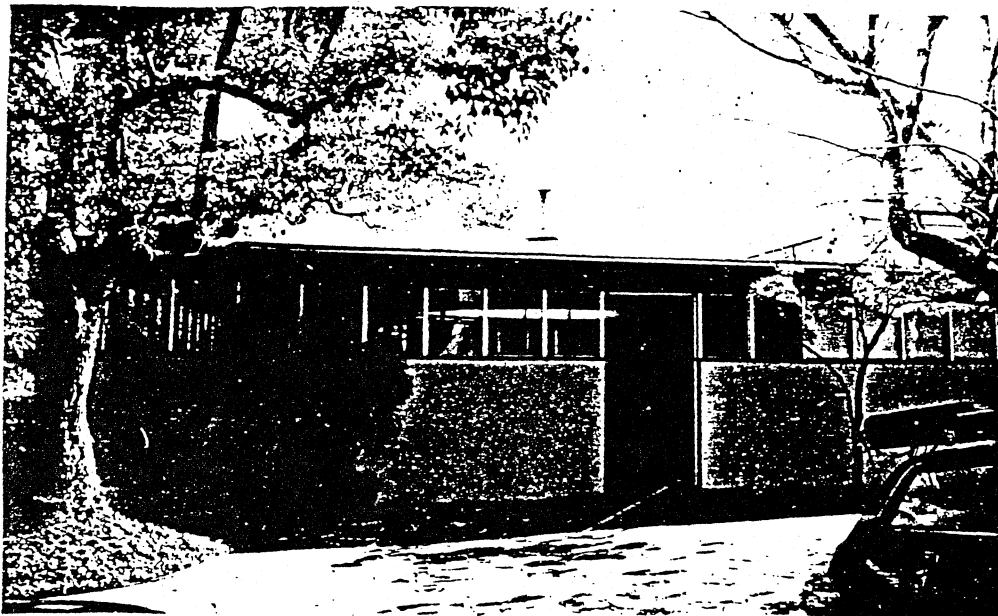


RESIDENCE AND FLATS
24 Hill Street, Toorak, 3142



Recommendations It is recommended that this building be added to the Register of Historic Buildings, Register of the National Estate and be protected using the provisions of Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

History and Description In 1954 the residence and flats designed by Roy Grounds in Hill Street, Toorak, received the annual street architecture medal awarded by the Royal Victoria Institute of Architects. This third house that the architect designed for himself, contains an internal circular court, designed around an existing tree. The external square form is simply conceived and highly geometric, with a strip of windows surrounding the building below the flat roof. This acts as an enclosure to the living spaces which focus around the internal court. At the rear, three flats adjoin the residence in a linear formation and themselves feature double-storey living spaces.

Significance This building is of great importance to Australian architecture, exhibiting the use of pure geometric forms as developed by this architect. It is a significant work of Roy Grounds.

Intactness This building is substantially intact.

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