

Banchory, 8 Glyndebourne Avenue

Architects: W & R Butler & Martin

1928: Owner, M W Martin, 24 William St. Melbourne (MMBW Drainage Plan 168366)

1928: Amended Plan of residence in Glyndebourne Avenue, Toorak for M W Martin Esq., W & R Butler & Martin, architects (Malvern Building Plan 9509)

This house was constructed for Marcus Martin by his firm W & R Butler & Martin. It follows Martin's earlier house, also built for himself at 6 Glyndebourne Avenue constructed in 1925. 8 Glyndebourne Avenue is of an elegant Georgian Revival design with a simple hipped roof with wide eaves. The windows are unusually wide, a characteristic exaggerated by the use of shutters. Above the main entry is a projecting semi-circular balconette served by French doors. The main elevation is not symmetrical; a projecting garage, a pair of smaller windows serving the upper stair hall, the offset entry steps and terrace, combine with a fall in the land, to create a subtle balance of forms that would be lacking in a symmetrical composition. The wide lines of the building created by the eaves are further emphasised by the windows extending to the eaves soffit on the upper level. This house is apparently intact and appears to retain its original fence. The deep front garden and mature landscaping further add to the special character of this property.

Refer to Appendix One for biographical notes on architect.

Banchory is of state significance as a sophisticated interpretation of the Georgian Revival idiom and complements Martin's elegant Spanish Revival residence adjacent at 6 Glyndebourne Avenue. It also complements the important architectural characteristics of a number of residences in the street, also designed by associates of this firm.

