

House, 41 Elizabeth Street, Malvern – Statement of Significance, June 2021

Heritage place: House, 41 Elizabeth Street, Malvern

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Figure 1. 41 Elizabeth Street, Malvern (May 2021)

What is significant?

The house at 41 Elizabeth Street, Malvern, constructed in 1969.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

- The original external form, materials and detailing of the house
- The high level of integrity to its original design
- Deliberate siting and organisation of internal spaces to create a complex external built form
- Complex roof forms, especially the skillion roofs
- Face clinker brick, concrete tiled roof, timber detailing and garden paving
- Integrated garage and walled courtyard entry.

Later alterations and additions, including the increased height of the courtyard wall, are not significant.

How is it significant?

The house at 41 Elizabeth Street, Malvern is of local historical, representative (architectural) and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

The house at 41 Elizabeth Street has a clear association with the project homes industry in Victoria in the post-war period and is illustrative of post-war suburban development in the City of Stonnington. It demonstrates the shift towards lower-cost, architect-designed housing which characterised suburban development across Victoria in the late-twentieth century (Criterion A).

The house at 41 Elizabeth Street is a highly intact representative example of Modernist suburban housing built in the City of Stonnington in the postwar period. It displays key characteristics of this type of housing, including an integrated approach to house and site, a strong connection with the outdoors and harnessing natural light, a neutral colour palette, and the use of natural materials such as timber and brick (Criterion D).

The house at 41 Elizabeth Street is a well-resolved and carefully-detailed example of an architect-designed post-war project home. Designed by noted architects Cocks & Carmichael for project home builders Design 70, the house – with its asymmetrical composition, complex series of roof forms, and brick construction – set within an integrated landscaped setting, presents a picturesque composition of this building type (Criterion E).

Primary sources:

Malvern Heritage Review, GJM Heritage (June 2021)