

Units, 11-13 Sorrett Avenue, Malvern – Statement of Significance, June 2021

Heritage place: Units, 11-13 Sorrett Avenue, Malvern
(1-5/11-13 Sorrett Avenue)

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Figure 1. 11-13 Sorrett Avenue, Malvern (May 2021)

What is significant?

The units at 11-13 Sorrett Avenue, Malvern, constructed in 1968.

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

- Low-profile, single-storey building reading as a single building
- Repetitive matching carports, including timber cladding and ‘floating’ roof effect, square concrete tiles floor finish and storage cabinets
- Masonry walls (overpainted), with timber elements picked out in darker/contrasting paint colours profiled metal roof
- Profiled metal roof with skillion-roofed clerestory windows
- Internal courtyards and private rear gardens
- Shared vehicular access and forecourt.

Later alterations and additions, including the extensive alterations to unit Number 1, are not significant.

How is it significant?

The units at 11-13 Sorrett Avenue, Malvern are of local historical and representative (architectural) significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

The units at 11-13 Sorrett Avenue are illustrative of post-war suburban development in the City of Stonnington and demonstrate the shift towards lower-cost, architect-designed housing which characterised suburban development across Victoria in the late-twentieth century (Criterion A).

The units at 11-13 Sorrett Avenue are an intact representative example of a Postwar Modernist multi-unit development built in the City of Stonnington. The complex displays typical features of Modernist housing, which was common across Victoria in this period, including low-profile buildings with a strong horizontal emphasis, flat roof forms, private courtyards, a neutral colour palette, and the use of typical materials such as timber and rendered concrete (Criterion D).

Primary sources:

Malvern Heritage Review, GJM Heritage (June 2021)