

## Statement of Significance: 23 Edinburgh Avenue, Caulfield

Date of Statement: August 2020

<b>Address:</b>	23 Edinburgh Avenue, Caulfield	<b>Name:</b>	-
<b>Place Type:</b>	Residential building (private)	<b>Grading:</b>	Significant
<b>PS ref no:</b>	HO226	<b>Constructed:</b>	1958



*Photograph by Built Heritage Pty Ltd, October 2019*

### What is significant?

The former Shillabeer House at 23 Edinburgh Avenue, Caulfield, is a single-storey brick house in the Melbourne Regional style, with an elongated L-shaped plan, low gabled roof (enveloping a timber-posted carport to one side), extensive window walls and a recessed courtyard enclosed by a hit-and-miss brick wall. Erected in 1958 for Frank Shillabeer, the third generation of a family of prominent Melbourne builders, the house was designed by Montgomery, King & Trengove and most likely erected by Shillabeer's firm.

The significant fabric is defined as the exterior of the entire building.

### How is it significant?

The house satisfies the following criteria for inclusion on the heritage overlay schedule to the City of Glen Eira planning scheme:

- Criterion E: Importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics.

### **Why is it significant?**

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The house is aesthetically significant as an excellent and substantially intact example of a house in the so-called Melbourne Regional style associated with the younger generation of locally-trained architects who commenced practice in the later 1940s and early 1950s. With its elongated L-shaped plan form, low gabled roof, broad eaves and full-height window walls, the house demonstrates the principal characteristics of this relaxed sub-style of post-WW2 modernism, coupled with some more distinctive features such as the recessed courtyard enclosed by screen wall of hit-and-miss brickwork, and the large opening in the carport roof. While the City of Glen Eira contains a high proportion of post-WW2 houses in the academic modernist style, many of which were designed by European-trained émigré architects, this is one of relatively few examples of the more relaxed modernist style adopted by younger locally-trained architects in the 1950s and early '60s.

*(Criterion E)*

### **Primary sources**

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Heritage Citation PW11, *City of Glen Eira Post-war & Hidden Gems Heritage Review 2020, Stage 2: Citations*, prepared by Built Heritage Pty Ltd.