

198 Woodland Street, Strathmore Statement of Significance

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198 Woodland Street, Strathmore, principal elevation (source: Context 2018)

What is significant?

The house at 198 Woodland Street, Strathmore, is significant. It was built in 1940 for civil servant William John Northey and his wife Mary Annie (née Hood)

Significant fabric includes the:

- original building form, roof form and fenestrations;
- concrete roof tiles and chimneys;
- unpainted face brick work, masonry eaves brackets, and gable end details with bas relief panels and s-shaped structural panels
- recessed porch with Tudoresque flattened arch and imitation quoining;
- window and door joinery and shutters;
- low brick front and side fence, mild steel gate and number plate; and
- red Flowering Bottlebrush in the front garden.

The rear hip roofed extension and tall brick fence with gates are not significant.

How is it significant?

198 Woodland Street, Strathmore, is of local architectural (representative) significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

198 Woodland Street, Strathmore, is a fine representative example of the interwar Old English style. The designer has taken full advantage of its elongated corner block, extending gabled wings toward both street frontages. These wings are constructed of clinker brick with steep vergeless gables,

typical of the style in the 1930s, but they are distinguished by the incorporation of thoughtful details such as large masonry brackets below the eaves (instead of typical corbelled brick), a floral bas-relief to the eastern gable, as well as the Tudoresque depressed arch with imitation quoining of the front entry. As is common for 1930s dwellings, a number of elements from another style have been incorporated into the design, in this case Georgian Revival. These elements include the six-over-six double hung sash windows, which have louvered shutters with a decorative pierced element at the top, and the S-shaped structural plate on the southern gable. The designer has successfully integrated these two historicising styles. The dwelling is very substantial in comparison to other houses of this type in Moonee Valley, and appreciation of its massing is enhanced by the long front garden on this triangular block, with its original brick front fence and mild steel gate, and the mature Red Flowering Bottlebrush tree. (Criterion D)

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