

247 Pascoe Vale Road, Essendon Statement of Significance

Heritage Place:	Kala Thea	PS ref no:	HO503
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247 Pascoe Vale Road, Essendon, principal elevation (source: Context 2018)

What is significant?

'Kala Thea' at 247 Pascoe Vale Road, Essendon, is significant. This brick attic-storey bungalow was built in 1929 for owner Robert Gordon White.

Significant fabric includes the:

- original building form and roof form;
- front porch and fenestrations;
- tiled roof and terracotta finials and chimneys;
- subtle expression of structural detailing including the attic gable end detailing and eaves detailing;
- unpainted face brickwork;
- window and door joinery;
- leaded glass sash windows;
- metal name plate; and
- brick front fence.

The later dormer windows on the north and south elevations and rear extension are not significant.

How is it significant?

247 Pascoe Vale Road is of local architectural (representative) significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

'Kala Thea' is a relatively late but successful example of the interwar attic-storey bungalow, which adopts the restrained ornamentation of the contemporary Californian Bungalow style. It demonstrates the principal characteristics of the type, with a dominant gable-fronted roof form and a bank of casement windows indicating the existence of the attic storey. In keeping with Californian Bungalow features, visual interest is created by a minor gable to the front façade, bow windows and geometric leadlights, a range of cladding materials including red and clinker bricks, faux half-timbering and timber shingles, and subtle expressions of structural joinery such as exposed rafter tails, and small modillions below each contrasting material of the façade which suggest beam ends. (Criterion D)

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