

## 330 Buckley Street, Essendon Statement of Significance

Heritage Place:	House	PS ref no:	HO488
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*330 Buckley Street, Essendon, south and west principal elevations (source: Context 2018)*

### What is significant?

The house at 330 Buckley Street, Essendon, is significant. It was built in 1916 by builder Leslie Woods as his home. He and his wife Christina Margaret remained there until 1974, resulting in its high level of intactness.

Significant elements of the place include the:

- Detached, single-storey built form;
- timber block front and weatherboard cladding;
- main hipped-roof form with a small central half-gable and projecting gable bays to the front (south) and side (west) elevations, and associated details including terracotta tiles, ridge cresting, finials and cappings;
- unpainted red brick chimneys;
- detailing to the gable ends, eaves and porch;
- original pattern of fenestration, elements of window and door joinery, bay windows and window hood; original building setbacks at front and side; and
- crimped wire front fence and associated pedestrian and vehicular gates.

The later garage and the small extension to the north-west corner of the house are not significant.

### How is it significant?

330 Buckley Street, Essendon, is of local architectural (representative) significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

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

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330 Buckley Street, Essendon, is a fine and substantial example of a classic Queen Anne villa, and displays the principal characteristics of the style. These include a diagonal axis, emphasised by the corner bay window and gable, the high hipped roof clad in terracotta tiles with decorative ridge capping and finials, tall face-brick chimneys, two projecting gabled bays bracketing a return verandah that sits beneath the main roof, turned timber verandah posts, flat scrolling cast-iron frieze and brackets (a common alternative to timber fretwork), casement windows with Art Nouveau leadlight highlights, and half-timbering to the gable apices. The roughcast render bolster linking each bay window to the half timbering above, is particularly elegant with its elongated ogee curve. The place is enhanced by the retention of an early fence, dating to the 1920s, of crimped wire with timber posts with matching gates. (Criterion D)

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