

52 Hedderwick Street, Essendon Statement of Significance April 2021

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52 Hedderwick Street, Essendon, principal elevation (April 2018) (source: Context, 2018)

What is significant?

The house at 52 Hedderwick Street, Essendon, is significant. It was built in 1933 for Harold and Margaret Lycett.

Significant fabric includes the:

- original building form and roof form which extends over the porte-cochere and verandah;
- tiled roof and tiled window hood, original chimneys;
- weatherboard cladding;
- entry porch of rendered brick with face brick detailing with evidence of tuckpointing;
- jerkin head gable end;
- verandah and porte-cochere details including brick balustrade with inlaid panel, simple brick piers and pre-cast concrete columns; and
- door and window joinery and leaded glass panels to principal window sashes.

The eastern extension of the porte-cochere, covered rear alfresco area, side verandah, garage and front fence are not significant.

How is it significant?

52 Hedderwick Street, Essendon, is of local aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

The house at 52 Hedderwick Street, Essendon, is of aesthetic significance for its unusual combination of the features of a number of popular interwar styles. Its basic form is that of a 1930s Californian Bungalow, pairing a tiled hipped roof with a projecting front gable, and a front verandah supported on dwarf columns with a brick balustrade. The hipped roof is distinguished from typical examples by its sweeping horizontal lines, created by the continuation of the roof over the front verandah and the porte-cochere beside it. The projecting front gable is in a picturesque medieval jerkin-head form. These two elements serve as a backdrop for the striking rendered and parapeted front porch, suggesting a stylised version of the typical arched parapeted form seen on the façade of most Spanish Mission houses. The porch is decorated with exposed brickwork details including a horseshoe arch with toothed brick pattern, implied quoining and an inverted triangle pattern at the top. While highly eclectic, the resultant design is successful and picturesque. (Criterion E)

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