

2 Aberdeen Crescent, Essendon Statement of Significance

Heritage Place:	Les Colonnes	PS ref no:	HO479
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2 Aberdeen Crescent, Essendon, principal elevation (source: Context 2018)

What is significant?

'Les Colonnes', the Inter-War Indian Bungalow at 2 Aberdeen Street, Essendon, is significant. The house was built c1922-23 for Herbert Salton.

Significant elements include the:

- original building form and tiled roof form, including brick and rendered chimneys;
- unpainted face brick surface walls, original pattern of fenestration, verandah including decoration and massed columns, eaves; and
- window and door joinery

The rear extension and modern high brick fence are not significant.

How is it significant?

2 Aberdeen Street, Essendon, is of local architectural (representative) and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

'Les Colonnes' at 2 Aberdeen Street, Essendon is a fine representative of an Indian Bungalow in its demonstration of key characteristics of the high hipped roof and columned central entry porch. While

related to the simple hipped-roof form of the Federation bungalow, this style had its origins in the nineteenth-century English tea planters' bungalows in India and Sri Lanka. (Criterion D)

'Les Colonnes' is of aesthetic significance for its dramatic massed Tuscan columns that enclosed both the entry porch but also the front corners of the house. The impact of this very effective design device is reflected in the name of the house which translates as 'The Columns' in French. (Criterion E)

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