

20 Hesleden Street, Essendon Statement of Significance

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20 Hesleden Street, Essendon, viewed from the south (April 2018) (source: Context, 2018)

What is significant?

The house at 20 Hesleden Street, Essendon, is significant. The timber Attic Bungalow was constructed in 1920 for owner Harold Broadbent.

Significant fabric includes the:

- original building form and roof form, contrasting weatherboard and shingle cladding, porch and fenestrations;
- corrugated iron roof and original chimneys;
- eaves and gable end details;
- window hoods;
- porch detailing including piers, balustrades and shingled hood; and
- window and door joinery and leadlight casement windows.

The rear motor garage and front fence are not significant

How is it significant?

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

Why is it significant?

The house at 20 Hesleden Street, Essendon, demonstrates the transition in the early interwar period from the ornamented forms of the Federation period to the clean lines and reliance on strong massing and contrasting material textures for visual interest. Characteristic Federation-era details include the leadlight casement windows, decorative awnings over windows, and doorway with arched lights to the door and surrounds. The half-timbered gables to the side elevations are also related to typical Federation villa forms. In contrast, the clean lines of the high attic roof, the incorporation of a small porch within the principal building envelope, the tapered porch piers, and the contrasting weatherboard and shingle cladding are all markers of the interwar Californian Bungalow style. (Criterion D)

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