

## 52 Hedderwick Street, Essendon Statement of Significance

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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?**

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

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

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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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