

54 Lincoln Road, Essendon Statement of Significance

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| Heritage Place: | House | PS ref no: | HO494 |
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54 Lincoln Road, Essendon, principal elevation (source: Context, 2018)

What is significant?

The house at 54 Lincoln Road, Essendon, is significant. It was built in c1941 for Clifford Ross Jenkins.

The significant fabric includes the:

- original building and roof form, lightly textured rendered brick walls, semi-circular porch and fenestrations;
- unpainted brick base and other details such as sills;
- glazed terracotta roof tiles and original chimney;
- steel framed windows;
- curved concrete front path; and
- porch detailing including piers with curved-top buttresses, balustrade and steps

The later rear extension and garage is not significant.

How is it significant?

54 Lincoln Road, Essendon, is of local architectural (representative) and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

The house at 54 Lincoln Road, Essendon, is distinguished by its front porch, which brings circular forms to the austere rectangular and triangular forms of the house envelope. The overall form of the house is influenced by the functionalist mode, with smooth planes and corner windows. The porch is an elegant composition with a near circular plan enclosed by semi-circular mild steel balustrades with inset circular patterns. The porch is reached by steps that elegantly curve outwards, with a matching curved railing. The porch roof is a flat concrete slab, a type popular in this era, but it is much larger than usual and has a crisply banded edge. By far the most striking feature of the porch are the two pillars that support it, with curved buttresses creating a stepped ziggurat form like that of a contemporary skyscraper. The curves of the porch are echoed by the curved concrete path that approaches it. (Criterion E)

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