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# HOUSE



775 SYDNEY ROAD

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## Location

775 SYDNEY ROAD, COBURG NORTH, MORELAND CITY

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

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## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The house, constructed by 1937, and front fence at 775 Sydney Road, Coburg North. The original form, detailing, materials and finishes of the house and fence, which combines elements of the Old English and Moderne inter-war styles, contribute to the significance of the place. Of particular note are the unusual design features which include the corbelled-brick brackets to the eaves and hood over the front door, the creation of 'boxed windows' to the facade with projecting bricks and corbelling below the sills (as boxed windows are usually executed in timber), and the subtle modulation of two tones of clinker bricks.

Non-original additions and alterations to the house and fence are not significant.

### **How is it significant?**

The house and front fence at 775 Sydney Road, Coburg North are of local architectural significance to Moreland City.

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

It is architecturally significant as a fine example of an inter-war bungalow of individual design that combines elements of the Old English and Moderne inter-war styles. The house is notable for its unusual detailing, which demonstrates the involvement of an architect or skilled craftsman builder, that sets this house apart from other examples in Coburg. The architectural and aesthetic qualities of the house are complemented by the front fence. (Criterion D)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Moreland - City of Moreland - North of Bell Street Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2013; |
| Construction dates        | 1937,   |
| Other Names               | Individual,   |
| Hermes Number             | 150191  |
| Property Number           |   |

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## **Physical Description 1**

This is an attic-storey house of the late 1930s or early 1940s which combines features of the Old English and Moderne styles. It has a cruciform plan, with jerkin-heads to the front and side gables. The roof is clad in Marseille tiles. The walls are constructed of clinker brick with very tall chimneys on either side. Its massing is strong and the design unusual, suggesting the involvement of an architect or craftsman-builder. The house has a relatively high degree of external integrity and is in good condition.

Unusual design features include the corbelled-brick brackets to the eaves and hood over the front door, the creation of 'boxed windows' to the facade with projecting bricks and corbelling below the sills (as boxed windows are usually executed in timber), and the subtle modulation of two tones of clinker bricks. The box windows are variously single, paired and triplicate. They are set into a projecting dark brick border with corbelling at the bottom. There are similar corbelled accents as eaves brackets and supporting the concrete hood to the front door, located on the north side elevation. The ground floor windows also have shallow concrete hoods.

The front fence is original. It is a low brick wall built of the same colour bricks as those around the windows, with pyramidal piers at either end. The garage, set back on the north side of the house is also built of clinker bricks and may be original.

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