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## House



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### Location

198 Woodland Street STRATHMORE, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

### Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO528

### Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The house at 198 Woodland Street, Strathmore, is significant. It was built in 1940 for civil servant William John Northey and his wife Mary Annie (nee Hood)

Significant fabric includes the:

original building form, roof form and fenestrations;

concrete roof tiles and chimneys;

unpainted face brick work, masonry eaves brackets, and gable end details with bas relief panels and s-shaped structural panels

recessed porch with Tudoresque flattened arch and imitation quoining;

window and door joinery and shutters;

low brick front and side fence, mild steel gate and number plate; and

red Flowering Bottlebrush in the front garden.

The rear hip roofed extension and tall brick fence with gates are not significant.

How is it significant?

1988 Woodland Street, Strathmore, is of local architectural (representative) significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

198 Woodland Street, Strathmore, is a fine representative example of the interwar Old English style. The designer has taken full advantage of its elongated corner block, extending gabled wings toward both street frontages. These wings are constructed of clinker brick with steep vergeless gables, typical of the style in the 1930s, but they are distinguished by the incorporation of thoughtful details such as large masonry brackets below the eaves (instead of typical corbelled brick), a floral bas-relief to the eastern gable, as well as the Tudoresque depressed arch with imitation quoining of the front entry. As is common for 1930s dwellings, a number of elements from another style have been incorporated into the design, in this case Georgian Revival. These elements include the six-over-six double hung sash windows, which have louvered shutters with a decorative pierced element at the top, and the S-shaped structural plate on the southern gable. The designer has successfully integrated these two historicising styles. The dwelling is very substantial in comparison to other houses of this type in Moonee Valley, and appreciation of its massing is enhanced by the long front garden on this triangular block, with its original brick front fence and mild steel gate, and the mature Red Flowering Bottlebrush tree. (Criterion D)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley 2017 Heritage Study, Context, 2019;
Construction dates	1940,
Hermes Number	202275
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

198 Woodland Street, Strathmore, is situated on a generous, irregular shaped, corner allotment with frontages to Woodlands Street and Balmanno Crescent. The allotment backs on to a grassy drainage easement containing new and established tree plantings. The house is of red-blue clinker brick construction with a concrete tiled roof. In style the design exhibits characteristics of the Old English aesthetic with subtle Georgian elements articulated in a solid, simplified manner.

Several intersecting gables, arranged asymmetrically, make up the main built forms. The main gable form is aligned east-west, fronting Balmanno Crescent to the east. The second built form is set back from the main gable form and protrudes in a southward direction to Woodland Street. A third gabled wing extends west. Two

shallow roof forms, one gable and one hipped, extend from the northern elevation appear to be the 1978 addition. On the main gable form, the gable end is decorated with a central small square panel containing a floral low relief. On the facade of the southern projection an external brick chimney covers the gable end. The chimney has wide and shallow proportions with a curved S-shaped structural plate affixed to its centre by way of ornament. It finishes squarely above the gable apex and is devoid of capping or chimney pots. The gable ends are vergeless, as was characteristic of the Tudor variant of the Old English style, producing a flush finish appearance with solid moulded masonry brackets supporting the eaves. The side walls of the projecting forms are recessed with square box guttering underlying the simple eaves.

The house's fenestration consists of timber-framed double-hung sash windows with mullions dividing each of the top and bottom panes into six smaller panes. They punctuate, intermittently, the southern and eastern facades. External timber louvred shutters with a decorative pierced motif at the top flank the windows on the eastern facade. A Tudoresque depressed arch opening, with imitation quoining surrounds, provides access to the raised, recessed porch and entrance door. Apart from the modest single-storey hipped and gable form extensions on the northern elevation of the house, it does not seem that the house has been externally altered.

Delineating the southern and eastern boundary lines is an early, low brick and mild steel fence. The fence is constructed from red-blue clinker bricks laid in stretcher bond, with header brick capping. Breaking up the fence incrementally are well-defined brick piers with the same capping. A splayed corner mild steel gate leads on to a simple concrete path that cuts diagonally through an established cottage garden. At the approach, a mild steel numberplate that appears to be original is affixed to the pier on the north-eastern side of the gate. In the southern corner of the garden is a *Callistemon* species (Red Flowering Bottlebrush) that is noted for its unusually large size. At the north-eastern corner of the allotment, the brick fence increases significantly in height with a metal gate opening into a rear driveway. The raised brick fence and metal gate are later additions. The western and northern fences are timber paling.

198 Woodland Road, Strathmore, is of high integrity with very few changes visible to original or early elements of the place. The building retains its main built forms, concrete tile roofs, recessed porch, fenestration, unpainted face brick walls and low brick fence.

The integrity of the building is enhanced by the level of intactness of these elements which includes details such as the original chimneys, masonry eaves brackets, window joinery and shutters, bas-relief panel, vergeless gable ends, low brick fence, wrought iron work gate and numberplate.

The integrity of the building is slightly diminished by the extensions on the northern elevation melded in a matching style. The integrity of the place is greatly enhanced by its original curtilage, early or original front fence and gate, and the large *Callistemon* species in the front garden.

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