
Houses



Adelaide St, 1-3



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Location

1 Adelaide Street and 3 Adelaide Street ASCOT VALE, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO470

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The pair of bungalows at 1 and 3 Adelaide Street, Ascot Vale, is significant. The two houses were built in 1927 for estate agent Harold M Butler, and he and his family resided in number 3.

The significant fabric includes the:

original building and roof form as a pair of detached dwellings;
verandahs including decorative timberwork, brick steps and brick balustrades;
fenestrations;
weatherboard cladding;
chimneys;
roof tiles;
eave and gable end detailing;
window hoods;
door and window joinery and leaded glass; and
post and woven wire fence and gates at number 3.

The carport at number 1 and the extension and garage on the north side of number 3 are not significant..

How is it significant?

The pair of Californian Bungalows at 1 and 3 Adelaide Street, Ascot Vale, is of local aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

The pair of timber Californian Bungalows at 1 and 3 Adelaide Street, Ascot Vale, are of aesthetic significance for their joinery detail and prominent appearance. In keeping with the Japanese influence on bungalows when they developed in California, this pair boasts picturesque detail of this type including taper-cut bargeboards to the outer sides of the paired gables of each front facade, the tapered architraves to windows and doors, the elaborate window hoods, and the pierced timber frieze to number 3. The presence of the houses is greatly enhanced by their situation as a pair, at the top of a hill, and by their elongated front facades, with two gables surrounding the front porch. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley 2017 Heritage Study, Context, 2019;
Construction dates	1927,
Hermes Number	202286
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Located in quiet residential street in Ascot Vale, 1 and 3 Adelaide Street is a matched pair of interwar Californian Bungalows. The house at 1 Adelaide Street (the southernmost of the pair) occupies a prominent placement at the junction of Adelaide and Brisbane streets at the top of a hill. Number 3 also has an elevated location, situated on the corner block between Adelaide and Waratah streets. The houses are set back from the street fronts, behind small, informally planted gardens with concrete footpaths leading from the front gate to the verandah steps. Both properties have fences to the street boundary; 1 Adelaide Street has a c1960s orange brick fence, while 3 Adelaide Street has a timber and crimped wire fence that appears to be original.

The houses are symmetrical in form with transverse gable roofs clad in terracotta tiles and two projecting bays to the street front. The gables to the projecting bays have taper-cut bargeboards and shingles to the gable ends, as well as hipped window hoods to the main elevation resting on timber brackets with decorative 'V' cuts. On the main elevation, a verandah spans between the projecting bays with clinker brick piers topped by timber posts supporting the projecting terracotta-tiled verandah roof.

The main elevations have a pair of projecting windows with shingle-clad hipped window hood, supported by carved timber brackets and a dentil detailing to the frame. The windows are two double-hung timber sashes having leaded glass to the upper sash, expressed architraves framing the windows and corbels to the window sills. The windows to the main body of the dwellings are similar: paired sash windows with leaded glass to the upper sash and expressed moulding. These windows also have a bracketed shelf to the head of the window. The front door is timber with leaded glass sidelights (with a pattern matching the leadlights to the sash windows) and also features an expressed architrave. The architraves of all doors and windows to the front facades taper inward toward the top, giving a picturesque oriental appearance.

As it was built for the owner of the two houses, number 3 has more elaborate detail to its verandah. While number 1 has a solid arched timber frieze between posts, number 3 has an unusual timber frieze with pierced circles and elongated triangles.

The side (north) elevations vary between the pair of houses. The north elevation of 1 Adelaide Street has a later carport structure attached, with a flat roof and metal supports. In contrast, the north elevation of 3 Adelaide Street has a recent addition in a matching style, extending the house towards the Waratah Street boundary. The windows are timber-framed sash windows, although they do not have the hipped awning or expressed architraves of the main elevation. There is also a red brick and weatherboard garage that has been recently added to the northwest corner of the house at Number 3 that has a gabled roof consistent with the overall roof form of the main structure.

1 and 3 Adelaide Street, Ascot Vale, are of relatively high integrity with few changes visible to original or early elements of the place. This pair of buildings largely retains its original building forms as a pair of detached dwellings, its original roof forms, verandahs, and fenestration.

The integrity of the buildings is enhanced by the high level of intactness of these main elements, which include the chimneys, roof tiles, eaves and gable end detailing, window hoods, steps, brick balustrade, and decorative timberwork to verandah, door and window joinery, and leaded glass window sashes. While number 3 is somewhat less intact, with the highly visible extension on the north side, it is the more highly detailed of the two. The integrity of the building at Number 1 is slightly diminished by the carport, which impinges on the original northern elevation of this residence and projects beyond the front building line.

The integrity of the place is enhanced by the front curtilage, which retains elements of its original configuration and the original or early post and woven wire fence, with matching gates, to number 3.

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