
Olgita



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Location

440 DANDENONG ROAD CAULFIELD NORTH, GLEN EIRA CITY

Municipality

GLEN EIRA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO: Individually Significant

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO205

Heritage Listing

Glen Eira City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

Olgita at 440 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North, is a double-storey rendered brick block of flats in the Streamlined Moderne style, with a stepped facade incorporating a series of curved parapeted bays with horizontal banding, a taller stairwell bay with contrasting vertical fluting, and a more conventional hip-roofed expression to the side and rear. The flats were built in 1940 as an investment property for a Russian-born hosiery manufacturer, and were probably designed by Armadale architect Leslie J W Reed, who had undertaken prior work for the same client.

The significant fabric is defined as the exterior of the entire building.

How is it significant?

The flats satisfy the following criteria for inclusion on the heritage overlay schedule to the City of Glen Eira planning scheme:

- Criterion E: Importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics.

Why is it significant?

Olgita is aesthetically significant as an excellent example of a block of flats in the Streamlined Moderne style, incorporating some particular bold and striking details.

Occupying a long narrow site, the large two-storey building (containing six flats of aboveaverage size) has a stepped frontage to the north-east, with recessing curved bays incorporating rendered banding and faceted windows. Characteristically of the style, this innate horizontality is relieved by a contrasting vertical element in the form of a stair lobby that projects above the parapet, with vertical fluting, curvilinear wrought iron ornament and a projecting bulbous balcony. The bold articulation of this principal frontage contrasts with more conventionally domestic utilitarian expression of the west (rear) side, with exposed hipped roof, rectilinear massing and standard windows. (Criterion E)

Theme

6. Building towns cities and the garden state

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Property Number	

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