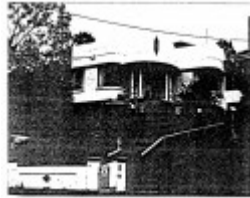

HOUSE



95 Mooltan Street.JPG



Flemington & Kensington Conservation Study 1985

Location

95 MOOLTAN STREET, TRAVANCORE, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO75

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The house, constructed c.1940, and front fence at 93-95 Mooltan Street, Travancore are significant. The Moderne styling of the house and fence is integral to the significance of the place. Significant detailing includes the glass and streamlined stucco, which is further stratified by bands of clinker brickwork and a sweeping stair flight spilling from glazed double doors, which some might term as 'Hollywood'. Mediterranean villa carry-overs include the porch columns and wrought iron gate but elsewhere rounded forms dominate everything from planter enclosures to fence posts. Clipped shrubbery and an elevated site also contribute to the significance of the place.

Non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

The house and front fence at 93-95 Mooltan Street, Travancore are of local aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

It is aesthetically significant as well detailed and and near original example of a Moderne house, a style that was fashionable but not widely used around the lean building years of World War Two. The aesthetic qualities are enhanced by the elevated siting, the sweeping flight of steps leading to the entrance and the original front fence and gate. The house and fence make an important contribution to the historic Inter-war character of the Travancore precinct. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley Heritage Overlay Places Review, David Helms Heritage Planning, 2012; Moonee Valley - Flemington and Kensington Conservation Study, City of Melbourne, 1985;
Construction dates	1940,
Other Names	Review,
Hermes Number	23860
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The style is Moderne after the suburban fashions inspired by the boldly curved Expressionist forms of the architect, Eric Mendelsohn and others in Europe and the infatuation with geometric ornament popularised by the Paris international decorative art exhibitions of the 1920-30s. Curved glass and streamlined stucco is here further stratified by bands of clinker brickwork and a sweeping stair flight spilling from glazed double doors, which some might term as 'Hollywood'. Mediterranean villa carry-overs include the porch columns and wrought iron gate but elsewhere rounded forms dominate everything from planter enclosures to fence posts. Clipped shrubbery and an elevated site make this one of the more spectacular modestly sized Moderne houses in Melbourne.

A late World War Two wave of development within the Travancore heritage precinct is seen in this house and others (e.g., nos. 41-51, 109-111 Mooltan Street) if not directly in those adjoining. It shares set-back, detached siting and some materials with the balance of Mooltan Street.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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