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# ESSENDON HOTEL



1142 Mt Alexander Road.JPG



Moonee Valley Heritage Review 1998

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## Location

1142 MT ALEXANDER ROAD, ESSENDON, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO204

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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### Statement of Significance

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The former "Essendon" hotel, (now the "Grand"), was built in 1936 at no.1140 Mount Alexander Road, Essendon, on the site of an earlier hotel of the same name, for Richard Hancock. It is historically important (Criterion A) as the principal hotel in the Essendon North shopping centre, recalling the former hotel on this site, established during the gold rush period on the Mount Alexander Road and associated with the well known hotelier Mary Wood. It is aesthetically important (Criterion E) as a distinguished example of a hotel in the Streamlined Modern style, comparing with the former "United Kingdom" hotel, Clifton Hill.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Andrew Ward, 1998; |
| Construction dates        | 1936,  |
| Architect/Designer        | McIntyre, Robert & Associates,   |
| Hermes Number             | 23899  |
| Property Number           |  |

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### Physical Description 1

A Streamlined Moderne two storeyed brick hall with lower level clinckerbricks graduating into red at the parapet line which has a soldier coping course of clinkers and frieze panels. A central former stair well (?) is expressed as a curved tower with narrow vertical windows and the hotel name is attached to a cement fin running up the face of the tower and curving back over the roof. Curved horizontal cement balconies and canopies extend north and south of the tower in a manner characteristic of the style.

Inside the coffered plaster ceilings have been retained but the interior public areas have been substantially altered.

### Integrity

Condition: Sound. Integrity: High (exterior) additions on north side.

### Historical Australian Themes

8.4 Eating and drinking.

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