

30 Levien Street, Essendon Statement of Significance

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30 Levien Street, Essendon, principal elevation (source: Context 2018)

What is significant?

The house at 30 Levien Street, Essendon, is significant. It was designed in 1928 by architect C Stewart Russell for John Thomas Fargie.

Significant fabric includes the:

- Original building form, roof form and fenestrations;
- Tiled roofs and chimneys;
- Rendered wall planes with red-blue clinker base brickwork;
- Gable end detailing including timber shingles and roof ventilators;
- Canted bay window;
- Window and door joinery and eave brackets;
- Sheltered porch with heavy porch piers and corbels; and
- Front fence

The later rear extension and aluminium framed attic window in the eastern elevation are not significant.

How is it significant?

30 Levien Street, Essendon, is of local architectural (representative) significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

The house at 30 Levien Street, Essendon, is a successfully designed and substantial example of the Old English style. Built in 1928, its clean lines and restraint look forward to the variation of this style that became common in the 1930s. These include the use of red-blue clinker base brick work, rendered wall planes, steeply pitched gables, prominent chimneys and porch sheltered almost under the main roof sweep of the roof. It is enhanced by detail such as the corbels to the heavy porch piers, canted bay window to the front façade, and the original front masonry fence executed in the same materials as the house. (Criterion D)

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