

127-137 Kent Street, Flemington Statement of Significance

Heritage Place:	Duplexes	PS ref no:	HO511
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127-137 Kent Street, Flemington, view from the north-west (source: Context 2018)

What is significant?

The row of duplexes at 127-137 Kent Street, Flemington, is significant. This group of six semi-detached dwellings was built for owner and neighbour William John Patten in 1936-37.

Significant fabric includes the;

- Original building and roof form;
- Recessed porches and fenestrations;
- Terracotta roof tiles and chimneys;
- Gabled parapets and textured rendered walls with red-blue clinker and tapestry brick details.
- Original window and door joinery and leaded glass sash windows;
- Side wing walls and gate openings; and
- Brick fences and mild-steel gates at number 127 and 131-135

The aluminium framed windows and stone cladding at number 129 and window hood at number 137 are not significant.

How is it significant?

127-137 Kent Street, Flemington, is of aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

The row of duplexes at 127-137 Kent Street, Flemington, is a fine representative example of the denser development that became more common in the City of Moonee Valley during the interwar period, which was designed to fit into an area of more prestigious detached dwellings, while forming a cohesive and symmetrically balanced composition as a whole. The dwellings demonstrate elements of the Old English style – in the use of vergeless gables – and Art Deco – in the parapeted front of the central duplex. Other materials and details are typical of many styles in the 1930s, including the contrast between textured render and clinker and tapestry brick, dominant chimneys, shouldered porch openings, simple leaded glass windows, and masonry gateways. The group is enhanced by the retention of original masonry fences and mild steel gates to numbers 127 and 131-135. (Criterion E)

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