

64 Bent Street, Moonee Ponds Statement of Significance

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64 Bent Street, Moonee Ponds, principal elevation (source: Context 2018)

What is significant?

The Edwardian Queen Anne house with Art Nouveau references at 64 Bent Street, Moonee Ponds, is significant. It was built c1914, most likely by its first owner, builder William Cook.

Significant elements include the:

- original building and roof forms, original chimney
- roughcast rendered walls, timber base boards and notched weatherboards, fenestration, porch; and
- decorative timber fretwork, brackets and barge boards, decorative gable ends, original window joinery and leaded glazing

The rear lean to addition is not significant.

How is it significant?

64 Bent Street is of local aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

The house is a highly intact example of a modest Queen Anne house form, with a façade dominated by a central projecting gabled bay, and walls finished in roughcast render and weatherboards. It is

distinguished from other examples of this type, however, by its elaborate front porch fretwork. This includes a timber balustrade with a diamond Chinoiserie pattern, the arched valance with wavy slats, and especially the striking timber keyhole arch at the entrance to the porch. This detail demonstrates how a builder might elevate a standard design with a creative use of ornament. (Criterion E)

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