

Statement of Significance: Former Brighton Gas Company Showrooms (2018)

Address: 411 Centre Road, Bentleigh	Name: Former Brighton Gas Company Showrooms
Place Type: Commercial	Grading: Significant
PS ref no: HO164	Constructed: 1937



What is significant?

The extant two storey, Moderne style, former showrooms at the corner of Vickery and Centre Road, Bentleigh, primarily the upper level. Significant elements include the expressed, tile clad hip roof, parapet sections, and original windows.

As the rendered walls of the building are painted, it is appropriate to have paint controls so that a complementary colour scheme is applied to the building.

How is it significant?

The Former Brighton Gas Company Showrooms are of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Glen Eira.

Why is it significant?

The Former Brighton Gas Company Showrooms are historically significant as a prominent commercial building in the Bentleigh shopping area. The construction of the showrooms in 1937 on a corner site in the Bentleigh shopping centre reflects the ongoing strength of commercial development in Centre Road, which had commenced during the 1920s/early Interwar period, and the expansion of the Brighton Gas Company. (Criterion A)

The Former Brighton Gas Company Showrooms are aesthetically significant as a largely intact two storey Interwar period showroom designed in the Moderne style. Although altered at ground floor, the intact upper level to the façade employs a horizontal emphasis and vertical elements characteristic of the Streamlined Moderne style that unusually extends along the length of the site. This is likely to be one of the principal examples of the Moderne style in the municipality. (Criterion E)

Primary source

Glen Eira Heritage Review of Bentleigh and Carnegie Structure Plan Areas (Commercial) 2018 (RBA Architects and Conservation Consultants).