

Statement of Significance: Alfred Halley Residence (2019)

Address: 178 Centre Road, Bentleigh	Name: Alfred Halley Residence
Place Type: Late Interwar	Grading: Significant
PS ref no: HO166	Constructed: 1941-42



Corner frontage



Centre Road frontage

What is significant?

The Alfred Halley Residence at 178 Centre Road, Bentleigh is significant, especially the presentation of the main house to both streets, including its brickwork and steel-framed windows, as well as the front fence and garage.

The rear additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Alfred Halley Residence at 178 Centre Road, Bentleigh is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Glen Eira.

Why is it significant?

The Alfred Halley Residence is of historical significance as a substantial residence built at the end of the Interwar period probably by local builder and first occupant, Alfred Halley. It stands out as one of a small group of large and distinctive houses that were constructed to corner sites along the main thoroughfares of Bentleigh during the Interwar period. Such dwellings are important in illustrating the intensifying suburban development of the district at this time as well as its increasing desirability and affluence. (Criterion A)

The house has aesthetic significance for its intactness, scale and the confidence of its Moderne styling. Well-established elements of the idiom have been employed in a striking manner – the pronounced horizontal emphasis, curved corner with recessed entry, and corner windows, combine to produce a strong ‘streamlined’ effect that is counterpoised by the verticality of its broad feature chimney. The use of cream bricks, contrasting with umber tapestry bricks, and steel-framed windows demarcates the dwelling as from the late Interwar

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period. A comprehensive design approach was adopted in that complementary detailing was employed to the front fence and garage. (Criterion E)

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