

Statement of Significance: Moore Residence (2018)

Address: 200 Centre Road Bentleigh	Name: Moore Residence
Place Type: Interwar	Grading: Significant
PS ref no: HO167	Constructed: 1936



What is significant?

The Moore Residence at 200 Centre Road, Bentleigh is significant, especially the intact main house with its prominent chimneys and including its original single garage at the southern end. The original front brick fence and gates, as well as the remnant grassy island to the curved driveway are also significant.

The tennis court and later double garage at the south-west corner are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Moore Residence is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Glen Eira.

Why is it significant?

The Moore Residence at 200 Centre Road, Bentleigh is historically significant as one of a small group of substantial houses built in the Bentleigh area during the Interwar period, when the suburb underwent rapid development facilitated by the improvement in rail services. Of this small group, it remains intact and likely one of the few houses in the area that were architect designed at this time. These larger houses were generally constructed to the main roads on larger allotments and were inhabited by successful businessmen and their families, in this case a local pharmacist A E Moore. (Criterion A)

The Moore Residence is aesthetically significant as a fine and distinctive example of the Old English style. The commodious dwelling has an unusual splayed footprint, restrained material palette (mainly clinker brick and glazed terracotta tiles, as well as some tapestry bricks), and bold articulation including the sweeping roof, prominent chimneys, and entry portico with adjacent gable end. Designed in 1936 by the partnership of Marsh & Michaelson, it is typical of their considered and refined work. (Criterion E)

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