

Statement of Significance: Shops, 369-377 Centre Road (2018)

Address: 369-377 Centre Road, Bentleigh	Name: -
Place Type: Commercial	Grading: Significant
PS ref no: HO163	Constructed: 1928



Nos 369-373



Nos 375-377

What is significant?

The two storey, Interwar period brick building consisting of five shops at 369-377 Centre Road. The original street façades of nos 369-375 remain intact to the first floor including balconies with original timber doors and toplights. Other significant elements are the original render finishes (though overpainted to nos 369-371), a combination of rough and smooth areas, the cornice, and parapet with Art Deco detailing.

The upper level façade of no. 377 has been altered but it is likely the original detailing is (largely) intact though currently concealed. Despite these changes the original first floor opening and balcony remain though the original timber windows have been replaced.

The shopfronts at nos 373, 375 and 377 retain remnants of mid to late 20th century fabric such as tiling and the low stallboards.

Optimally the paint would be removed from nos 369-371. In the interim however, paint controls are appropriate to these two shops in the group.

How is it significant?

The group of five shops at 369-377 Centre Road, Bentleigh are of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Glen Eira.

Why is it significant?

Built in 1928, the group of five shops at 369-377 Centre Road are historically significant as they represent the rapid phase of commercial development that occurred in the Bentleigh shopping centre during the Interwar period, especially the late 1920s. (Criterion A)

The group of five shops at 369-377 Centre Road are aesthetically significant as a distinctive example of an Interwar period commercial building, largely reflective of the Art Deco style, which are distinguished by expressed balconies. The facades are mostly intact (except for no. 377), especially nos 373-375 which retain their original cement rendered finish. The low relief motif to the central parapet with loosely Greco-Egyptian detailing and the original timber framed openings are also notable elements. (Criterion E)

Primary source

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