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# Kala Thea



247 Pascoe Vale Rd  
Essendon

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## Location

247 Pascoe Vale Road ESSENDON, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO503

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

'Kala Thea' at 247 Pascoe Vale Road, Essendon, is significant. This brick attic-storey bungalow was built in 1929 for owner Robert Gordon White.

Significant fabric includes the:

original building form and roof form;

front porch and fenestrations;

tiled roof and terracotta finials and chimneys;

subtle expression of structural detailing including the attic gable end detailing and eaves detailing;

unpainted face brickwork;

window and door joinery;

leaded glass sash windows;

metal name plate; and

brick front fence.

The later dormer windows on the north and south elevations and rear extension are not significant

How is it significant?

247 Pascoe Vale Road is of local architectural (representative) significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

'Kala Thea' is a relatively late but successful example of the interwar attic-storey bungalow, which adopts the restrained ornamentation of the contemporary Californian Bungalow style. It demonstrates the principal characteristics of the type, with a dominant gable-fronted roof form and a bank of casement windows indicating the existence of the attic storey. In keeping with Californian Bungalow features, visual interest is created by a minor gable to the front facade, bow windows and geometric leadlights, a range of cladding materials including red and clinker bricks, faux half-timbering and timber shingles, and subtle expressions of structural joinery such as exposed rafter tails, and small modillions below each contrasting material of the facade which suggest beam ends. (Criterion D)

Heritage Study/Consultant Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley 2017 Heritage Study, Context, 2019;

Hermes Number 202300

Property Number

## Physical Description 1

'Kalathea', 247 Pascoe Vale Road Essendon, is a substantial interwar Attic Bungalow. The property displays characteristics of the California Bungalow with Arts and Crafts influences. The house is located on the western side of Pascoe Vale Road, facing east. Pascoe Vale Road is a major arterial road that runs north-south through Essendon, commencing off Mount Alexander Road and running all the way to the suburb of Meadow Heights in the north.

'Kalathea' is sited on a flat block with a moderate setback from Pascoe Vale Road. The house is set under a gabled-fronted roof form with a hip to the rear. The front facade is dominated by a broad gable with a second, smaller projecting gable nested at the house's northern corner. The roof is clad in Marseille-patterned terracotta tiles with upright terracotta finials decorating the gable apexes. The enveloping roof falls to overhanging eaves that have exposed rafter ends and lining-boarded soffits. The two front gable ends feature a combination of protruding, textured shingles supported by a row of small timber modillions and simple half timbering in a vertical

pattern.

The external walls of the bungalow are red face brick with triangular quoining of clinker brick to the corners. At the attic level of the front facade a set of five timber-framed casement windows open from the room in this space. These have simple geometric leadlight patterns with a double pane above. There is a bow window to the ground floor, also with leaded panes in the double-hung timber sash windows. A compact covered entrance porch at the southern corner shelters the entrance door and features a shingled valance above, consistent with the detail to the gable ends on this facade. On the brick pier to the house number and name ('Kalathea') is inscribed on a metal plate. In the smaller nested gable bay there is another matching set of bow windows.

The southern roof slope has a projecting gabled dormer whilst to the north has a shed dormer with a metal roof. Neither are visible in the 1945 aerial, and they appear to have been added at different times (the northern dormer first). To the rear of the property a flat roofed extension is visible.

The house sits behind a simple front garden of lawn and shrubs. A clinker brick fence that has engaged piers and geometric mild steel inset panel defines its front boundary and is stylistically similar to the house. A concrete driveway running down the southern boundary forms the main access point.

247 Pascoe Vale Road, Essendon, is of relatively high integrity with very few changes visible to original or early elements of the place. The building retains its original building form, porch, and fenestration.

The integrity of the building is enhanced by the high level of intactness of these main elements, which include chimneys, tiled roof and terracotta finials, attic gable detailing, eaves detailing, detailing of porch, unpainted face brick walls, window and door joinery, and leaded glass window sashes, and metal name plate.

The integrity of the building is somewhat diminished by the two later dormer windows on the north and south slopes of the roof, but they are only partially visible from the street. The rear addition sits behind the original extent of the house and is not visible from the street at all.

The integrity of the place is enhanced by its brick front fence, likely to be original or early, and its curtilage, which retains its original configuration.

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