

Statement of Significance: Jarvie House (The Jug House)

Heritage Place:	Jarvie House (The Jug House), boundary hedges and conifer specimens - 1054-1060 Heatherton Road, Noble Park	PS ref no:	HO78
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Figure 1: House from north (2021)



Figure 2: 'Jug' chimney element (2021)

What is significant?

The Jarvie House (The Jug House) and its garden setting, built for patternmaker Peter Jarvie in 1950 at 1054-1060 Heatherton Road, Noble Park, is of heritage significance.

Contributory Elements

- Plan set diagonally across the corner block, with main living areas facing the street;
- Clipped tapestry hedges, specimen shrubs (conifers), and curved low masonry fencing typical of the style;
- Concrete path and drive ways, with surviving centre grass strip for drive;
- a 'waterfall' front or street façade (Streamlined Moderne style) of five curved forms including the porch, symmetrically arranged around the entrance;
- a projecting round-cornered cantilevering porch with concrete roof slab set on brick piers and brick paving;
- variegated unglazed terra-cotta tiles (reds, manganese) on a multi-hipped roof, with deep lined eaves;
- brick (apparently veneer) external walls that may have been two colour (red and cream) pressed brickwork (as the jug and some rear walls) but have been bagged and painted off white;
- tall red and cream pressed brick 'jug' chimney element set next to the rear pergola, with corbelled cooking or BBQ fireplace set into its base;
- timber framed, double hung sash windows set in groups of five with soldier course lintels and header sills;
- timber lattice garden wall, in a Far-Eastern pattern, often emulated with concrete in the 1960s;
- timber pergola at north-west rear corner of house with carved rafters in a Far-Eastern style.

The interior elements such as the kitchen joinery are contributory, but the interior as a whole is not locally significant.

How is it significant?

The Jarvie House (The Jug House) is significant historically, aesthetically, and for its rarity and social significance to Noble Park and the City of Greater Dandenong.

Why is it significant?

The Jarvie House (The Jug House) is significant:

Historically, as a representation of the onset of the post-World War Two housing boom in the hitherto mainly rural area of Noble Park, an area that is now fully urbanised. The use of materials (bagged brickwork) suggests utilisation of those available at the time as a reflection of post-war shortages and limitations. The reported memories of Jarvie by Noble Park identity Fred Wachter of the building and use of the house add a historical context to the place. (Criteria A).

For its rarity as one of the few Streamlined Moderne or 'waterfall' front designs in the City of Greater Dandenong. The successful representation in brickwork of a giant jug as part of the chimney shape is rare across the Melbourne area (Criteria B).

Aesthetically, as one of the few Streamlined Moderne or 'waterfall' front designs in the City of Greater Dandenong. The house exhibits a full expression of this domestic style with five (not three) fronts to the 'waterfall' outdoing Robin Boyd's 'Steps in Stylism' model, as well as its diagonal siting across the block allowing views of the elevation from both main roads. The use of the style was often seen as a reflection of the owner-builder's modern outlook and rejection of period revival styles like the prevailing Georgian and Old English. The style has had a recent popular revival as Art Deco, named in the 1960s after the Exposition Internationale des Arts Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes, held in Paris in 1925 (Criteria E).

Social significance as identified by the local community as a local landmark as far back as the 1990s and since the house and its chimney have received wide publicity as an uncommon part of the urban landscape because of the jug shaped chimney (Criteria G).

Primary source

Butler and Associates, Jarvie House (The Jug House), 1054-1060 Heatherton Road, Noble Park - Heritage Assessment (May 2021).