

Durban Art Deco Society

South Beach Holiday Art Deco

Sunday 6 May, 2018

A tour past several buildings, dating from 1930-1960, in the Gillespie Street area. These buildings exhibit varying degrees of Art Deco influence, usually more simply and cheaply finished than their Berea counterparts. A number of high-volume apartment buildings and hotels seem to have originated closely-spaced in time, probably in a rush to provide seaside holiday accommodation.

Park View

17 Boscombe Place (1960's?)



International style features with horizontal bands. Popular corner windows of the era, made possible by reinforced concrete.

Rydal Mount

130 Gillespie Street (1950's?)



A large L-shaped apartment building with double-volume windows emphasizing several entrances, together with a rising central feature with symmetrical window eyelids at each floor.

Olympic Court

35 Pixley Kaseme (West) Street (1940's?)



Art deco with highly –modulated façade and strong pilasters rising to a roof feature similar to

Surrey Mansions. Foyer includes an original wooden bench and lift doors, and a pedestal and niche feature similar to Hollywood Court.

Ottawa Court

c/r Gillespie & Pixley Kaseme (West) Street (1960's?)



International style with a highly-modulated façade and corner windows.

Sandringham

103 Gillespie Street (1950's?)



Cheap Art Deco. L-shaped apartment building with vertical corner and side panels. Some loss of façade modulation by enclosure of balconies. Entrance on side with internal stepped arches.



Oxford House

77 Gillespie Street (1935)



Strange mixture of classical revival and art deco.

Marlborough

27 Blenheim c/r Marine Parade (1930's)



Some art deco decoration above the ground floor. Otherwise quite plain.

Grandborough

c/r Sturdee Place & Marine Parade (1930's?)



Classical revival and art deco. Imposing corner entrance.

The Edward

Marine Parade (1940's?)



Art Deco streamline style (style moderne). Well maintained. Asymmetric entrance framed by rising bay windows on North end.



Sympathetic transparent canopy extension for verandah.

