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# Newport Railway Estate No.2 Precinct



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Precinct, Hobsons Bay  
Heritage Study 2006

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## Location

Millers Road (west), Blackshaws Road (north), Mills Street, Hansen Street (east), Ross Street (south)  
NEWPORT, Hobsons Bay City

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Rec for other form of protection

## Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Newport Railway Estate No. 2, which comprises the land included in subdivision LPs 12834, 12379 south of Blackshaws Road, east of Millers Road, north of Ross Street, west of Mills Road and west of Hansen Street with parks including Cooper, Langshaw, Clement, and Irwin reserves, including all allotments, park and road reserves planned in the 1920s.

How is it Significant?

The Newport Railway Estate No.2 is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant for its evocation of a period of ascendancy for new town planning ideas after WW1, and for its association with the Melbourne Metropolitan Town Planning Commission and the noted surveyor Saxil Tuxen, which is demonstrated by its use in the landmark Melbourne Metropolitan Town Planning Commission 1929 report to illustrate modern planning principles. (AHC criterion A4, F1 and H1)

Aesthetically, the subdivision layout is significant for its rare and unusual radial planning that illustrates the latest town planning theory in the State at the time it was originally planned and laid out. (AHC criterion B2 and E1)

Some heritage places within this precinct may also have an individual citation in this Study.

Heritage Study/Consultant Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;

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## Physical Description 1

This estate was not built on until after World War 2 such that the distinctive radial subdivision pattern is the only significant element from the original concept as 'remodelled' by the MMTPC under the guidance of Saxil Tuxen. This pattern centres on a city circle called 'The Circle' (see image on cover), with a major radial axis heading south west along McIntosh Road to Millers Road. This axis cuts through what would otherwise have been a grid plan running between Blackshaws Road and Ross Street. The subdivision is south of Blackshaws Road, east of Millers Road, north of Ross Street, west of Mills Road and west of Hansen Street with parks including Cooper, Langshaw, Clement, and Irwin reserves.

## Integrity

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The integrity of the street layout is High.

## Usage/Former Usage

Context

On flat land bounded by main roads and railway routes.

## Historical Australian Themes

*Principal Australian Historical Theme(s)*

Making Suburbs

## Physical Description 2

*Associations*

Saxil Tuxen, Melbourne Metropolitan Town Planning Commission

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*