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# Barkly Theatre



Barkly St 277-B



Barkly St 277-A



Barkly St 277-C

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## Location

277-287 Barkly Street FOOTSCRAY, Maribyrnong City

## Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0878

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO29

## Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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## Statement of Significance

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Externally near complete, the Barkly is among the earliest purpose-built cinemas in the State, is a successful Edwardian Baroque design and has been a public gathering place in the city for over 70 years.

Extract from the Footscray Urban Conservation Study 1989.

Heritage Study/Consultant Maribyrnong - City of Footscray Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1989;  
Construction dates 1914,  
Other Names Listed as number 281 in the Footscray Urban Conservation Study,  
Hermes Number 28124  
Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

Description (Interior not Inspected)

Essentially a decorated cemented box, the roofline of the theatre is nevertheless spectacular with its two mansard towers, either end of the highly ornamented parapet. Three deep, arched windows open onto square balconettes, each draped with cement swags or garlands which are used profusely elsewhere on the facade along with the segment arch motif and impressive leadlight lunettes at the parapet. Edwardian Baroque detailing is the decorative scheme but the towers are reminiscent of the William Pitt Second Empire theatre and hotel designs of the late 19th. Century (cf. Princess Theatre).

## Integrity

External Integrity

Part of the ground level has been rebuilt as has the canopy, roof slates and the side-wall brickwork have been painted over and numerous signs added.

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