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# Barnett Gallant & Co. Warehouse



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232 Nicholson Street,  
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## Location

232 Nicholson Street, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011 - Property No 3056002612

## Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO61

## Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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## Statement of Significance

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The Barnett Gallant & Co warehouse is of significance to the City of Maribyrnong; architecturally as typical of the austere ornamented suburban warehouses of the 1880s but also retaining an unusual functionally related enclosed loading right-of-way and balconies. A distinctive building related to a specialised function and process (shop based clothing manufacture) which characterised Suburban commercial centres in the decades either side of the turn of the century. (Criterion D2) Historically it is associated with two major local businesses one of which

(Hoopers) (Criterion H1) achieved state-wide prominence for their retailing and implementation of standard working condition for their employees and in relation to the commercial development of Footscray as a regional manufacturing and retailing centre.

(Criterion A4) The small shop-based clothing factories of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries are now an obsolete form of manufacture with very few related buildings surviving. (Criterion B2)

#### Footscray Conservation Study SOS

Architecturally, typical of the austere ornamented Suburban warehouses of the 1880s, but also retaining an unusual enclosed loading R.O.W. and related balconies on its south side. Historically, associated with two major Footscray businesses, one of (Hooper's) which achieved State-wide prominence for their retailing and their actions in achieving standard working conditions.

#### Australian Heritage Commission (AHC) criteria

The Australian Heritage Commission criteria consist of a set of eight criteria which cover social, aesthetic, scientific, and historic values. Each criterion has sub-criteria written specifically for cultural or natural values. The relevant criteria are:

H.1 association with important person or group

B.2 rarity

D.2 good example of type

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1888,
Other Names	Cosmos Knitting Mills, Hooper's Clothing Factory,
Hermes Number	28559
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

A substantial three story building of typical cement rendered brick austere detailed with a balustrade parapet, moulded window label moulds, and string course terminated by vermiculated blocks at each floor line. The originally warm coloured brick work in colonial bond (headers in every sixth course) is now mostly painted over. Right of way loading access on the southern side is overlooked by timber balconies with evidence of goods hoists and is closed off by iron gates at the street alignment.

## Physical Conditions

In good condition.

## Integrity

The shop front and canopy are new, brickwork painted over and post veranda and parapet urns have been removed.

## Physical Description 2

In an industrial/commercial area of generally later small factories and warehouses.

## Historical Australian Themes

### Thematic context

**Australian Principal Theme** Manufacturing and Processing

**PAHT Subtheme:** Manufacturing and Processing

**Local Theme** Footscray and Yarraville

## Physical Description 3

**Creation date(s):** 1888

**Heritage Significance** *regional*

**Map (Melway)** 42 C5

**Boundary description** The extent of the current allotment

**Local Government Area:** City of Maribyrnong

**Ownership Type** Private

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