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## Australian Estates wool store



HO 160 (1) - Australian Estate Wool Store, 27-61 Sunshine Road, West Footscray.JPG



HO160 (2) - Australian Estate Wool Store, 47-61 Sunshine Road, West Footscray.JPG

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### Location

47-61 Sunshine Road, FOOTSCRAY WEST VIC 3012 - Property No 5131002000

### Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO160

### Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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### Statement of Significance

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The Australian Estates wool store is of regional historical and architectural significance, as one of the largest single wool store buildings in Victoria built on a grand scale with considerable architectural refinement. It represents a peak of pastoral development when Australia rode on the sheep's back and the culmination of the architecturally elaborate wool store designs, subsequent stores becoming bland clear span and tilt-slab sheds.

The location on the fringe of Melbourne and in proximity to the railway and the connecting siding demonstrates its dependence on transport connections. The wool industry has played a significant role in the development of Victoria and Australia, and wool stores have been one of the most prominent building types in Melbourne's West. (Criterion A4) The building also relates to the Australian Estates Company, an influential agricultural finance and agency corporation. Architecturally this building represents the epitome of wool store design with the functional married seamlessly to the decorative. (Criterion F1)

#### 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:

A.4 demonstrates well the course and pattern of history, important historic events

F.1 design or technological achievement .

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1941,
Other Names	Listed as number 47 in the Maribyrnong Heritage Review Volume 3 pg. 182,
Hermes Number	28664
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

A four story brick structure with sawtooth roof lighting the top sampling floor which has a mansard roof styled parapet as a distinguishing feature along with bold lettering proclaiming the company name and the function of the building now defaced by the new operators plastic sign.

Mock balconies with wrought iron railings and steel lattice over window openings add further touches of distinction. The very large building was located to take advantage of the adjacent Tottenham railway sidings, and a siding constructed to serve this and the adjacent Elders Smith wool store.

## Physical Conditions

In good condition

## Integrity

substantially Intact. The sign is the only apparent alteration

## Physical Description 2

In an area of several large industrial complexes (including the adjacent Goldsbrough Mort wool store.

## Historical Australian Themes

### Thematic context

**Australian Principal Theme** Marketing & Retailing

**PAHT Subtheme:** Marketing of produce

**Local Theme** Warehousing exports

### Physical Description 3

**Creation date(s):** 1941 c.

**Heritage Significance** *regional*

**Map (Melway)** 41 G5

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

**Local Government Area:** City of Maribyrnong

**Ownership Type** Private

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