
Goldsborough Mort wool store



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HO161 (1) - Goldsborough
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Location

63 Sunshine Road, FOOTSCRAY WEST VIC 3012 - Property No 5131002200

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO161

Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

Statement of Significance

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Goldsborough Mort wool store is of regional historical and architectural significance, this and the adjoining Australian Estates wool stores represent the height of the development of the wool and pastoral industries in Victoria. 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 scale of the

architecture of these buildings reflect the prosperity of the firms and the great contribution of the wool industry to Australia's trade and growth in the post war period. The location of the stores on railway lines which provide access to the Melbourne ports and the pastoral land in the north and west of the state is indicative of the way in which the export wool industry has been controlled by intermediary agents.

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	1940,
Hermes Number	28665
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Monumental four-storey brick wool store with sawtooth roof lighting top sale floor. While this does not have the flamboyance of the adjacent Australian Estates store or the Architectural ornament of the Kensington Store of Goldsborough, it marks the transition in the development of the wool store design to the strictly utilitarian buildings of the latter half of the twentieth century.

In its original form, the Building demonstrated the advances in warehouse design of the period with its purpose built rail and truck loading, automated bale elevators and conveyors (now disused) and more open plan interior. Concrete and steel framing supported floors designed to take heavier loadings (for pallet trucks and forklifts?) while the saw-tooth top floor has steel framed trusses to the south facing roof lights designed to give an even lighting to the sale floor.

However, recent alterations have involved the gutting of the internal structure of the building, although the external walls and facades have remained relatively intact. A railway siding formerly connected to the Tottenham rail yards with a level crossing over Sunshine Road. A later single storey sawtooth warehouse to the west is a later extension.

Physical Conditions

In good condition

Integrity

Substantially Intact externally although the internal structure has recently been gutted. The sign is the only apparent alteration

Physical Description 2

In an area of several large industrial complexes (including the adjacent Australian Estates wool store

Historical Australian Themes

Thematic context

Australian Principal Theme Marketing & Retailing

PAHT Subtheme: Marketing & retailing

Local Theme Warehousing exports

Physical Description 3

Creation date(s): 1940 c.

Heritage Significance *regional*

Map (Melway) 41 G4

Boundary description The extent of the current allotment

Local Government Area: City of Maribyrnong

Ownership Type Private

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