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## Footscray Residential Heritage Area



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### Location

Moore, Newell, Nicholson, Lynch, Stirling, Donald, Railway Cowper, and Coward Streets FOOTSCRAY, MARIBYRNONG CITY

### Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO4

## Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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## Statement of Significance

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The Footscray Residential Precinct is historically significant to the City of Maribyrnong because:

- it is expressive of two major and distinguishable growth periods in the city's development with:
- small Victorian & Edwardian single-storey detached housing with mainly weatherboard wall cladding, corrugated iron roofing, front verandahs, similar front and side setbacks and narrow block frontages,
- some surviving early asphalt footpaths and stone kerb and channel,
- originally with no provision for on-site vehicle parking for most of the identified housing as an evocation of the pre-motor age, and -major built form of the typical Edwardian villa main hip and projecting gable roof form combination (Criterion A4);
- its demonstrates typical Victorian & Edwardian-era residential siting, close to the workplace, transport routes and transport outlets (Criterion C2) .

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

C.2 research potential

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1880,
Other Names	Moore, Newell, Nicholson, Lynch, Stirling, Donald, and Cowper Streets (parts),
Hermes Number	30457
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The general character of the Footscray Residential Precinct is one of small Victorian & Edwardian single-storey detached housing with mainly weatherboard wall cladding, corrugated iron roofing, front verandahs, similar front and side setbacks and generally narrow block frontages. The surviving rear right-of-ways are valuable elements associated with the 19th century night soil collection. Houses were originally with picket front fences and the streets had asphalt footpaths and stone kerb and channel, with some surviving. There was originally no provision for on-site vehicle parking for most of the identified housing. The major built form was of the typical Edwardian villa main hip and projecting gable roof form combination.

Beyond the clear expression of two important periods in the City's history (Edwardian-era, Victorian-era), there is a visual cohesion which derives from simple, often conservative house design. Many houses have been altered in detail and whole former housing areas redeveloped for commercial uses around the fringe of the precinct. There are distinguishable physical boundaries, such as the railway, the river and its parkland, the Hopkins Street commercial strip and the irregular subdivision of the triangle west of Nicholson Street, which visually contain the generally similar housing stock. The housing is located near to the Footscray Railway Station and the associated commercial area, both of which also display the Edwardian and Victorian-era character seen in this precinct. The lot layout is typically set on a rectangular grid with essential rear lane access originally for collection of night soil.

Although related in historical origin, the early housing stock has suffered from its proximity to the Hopkins Street commercial area and both Edwardian and more recent waves of renovation.

Often visually unrelated and sometimes intrusive new development, together with alterations, lower the street expression of these two periods but, within the context of the city, few other areas are comparable. Architecturally Nicholson Street (east side) offers distinction.

## Physical Conditions

Physical Conditions: fair (disturbed, reasonably preserved)

## Integrity

Integrity: partially intact/intrusions

## Historical Australian Themes

### Thematic context

**Australian Principal Theme** Making suburbs

**PAHT Subtheme** Making suburbs

**Local Theme(s)** Private subdivisions and villages in the nineteenth century

## Physical Description 2

**Map (Melway)** 42 DE3,4

**Boundary description** Parts of Moore, Newell, Nicholson, Lynch, Stirling, Donald, and Cowper Streets and the railway, with emphasis on all original Edwardian-era and Victorian-era elements, including basalt pitched paving, asphalt footpaths, lot sizes and street patterns.

**Heritage Significance** City

**Creation date(s)** 1880s-1920s

**Local Government Area** City of Maribyrnong

**Ownership Type** Private & Public

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