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## War Service Homes Heritage Area



HO12(5) - War Service Homes, Heritage Area, Maribyrnong.JPG



HO12(2) - War Service Homes, Heritage Area, Maribyrnong.JPG



HO12(3) - War Service Homes, Heritage Area, Maribyrnong.JPG



HO12(1) - War Service Homes, Heritage Area, Maribyrnong.JPG



HO12(4) - War Service Homes, Heritage Area, Maribyrnong.JPG



HO12(6) - War Service Homes, Heritage Area, Maribyrnong.JPG

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### Location

Birdwood, Mitchell, Monash and Prince Streets Maribyrnong, Maribyrnong City

### Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO12

### Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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## Statement of Significance

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The War Service Homes Precinct is historically significant to the City of Maribyrnong because:

- the War Service homes part of the precinct has a distinctive function related to events in the City and the State's history, this being the city's best example of such a war service estate (Criteria A4, B2) ; and
- the precinct as a whole is expressive of the immediate post WW1 era and thus reflects an important era of growth in the City, with well preserved, if simple, examples of single storey detached Californian Bungalow and Mediterranean villa style weatherboard houses, with common front and side setbacks and originally fronted with wire fabric or low simple timber picket style fencing (Criterion A4).

### 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

B.2 rarity

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000; Maribyrnong - City of Footscray Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1989;
Construction dates	1920,
Other Names	Birdwood, Mitchell, Monash and Prince Streets,
Hermes Number	30481
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The general character of the precinct is one of detached timber inter-war housing, with gabled Californian Bungalows (i.e. numbers 2-34 Birdwood Street) comprising the majority of the housing stock. There are also some Mediterranean villa style weatherboard houses with corrugated iron hipped roofs. There are common front and side setbacks and properties originally were fronted with wire fabric or low simple timber picket style fencing. Block sizes are regular, as shown in LP10486, and single 3m maximum width crossovers to garaging set at the back of the block is accessed by side drives. The precinct contains concrete footpaths, plus basalt kerb and channelling.

Alterations have depleted the period expression in the western part of the estate, making Prince Street the western border of the precinct, with Monash Street being the main focus. Of the 75 places listed, 66 sites are in the war service estate (Monash, parts Birdwood and Mitchell Streets) and 9 from the Johnstone survey. Of these

75 houses 73 are contributory to the expression of the inter-war period.

The playgrounds and parklands provided for the war service estate on the south-west and northwest corners of Monash St and Gordon Street (outside of the estate) has been developed for units. Trees along Birdwood St include paperbarks and casuarinas which date from post WW2.

## 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)** Twentieth Century Residential Development

## Physical Description 2

**Map (Melway)** 28 A12

**Boundary description** Mitchell, Birdwood and Prince Streets with emphasis on all original inter-war (c1919-38) elements, including houses and out-buildings, fences, road paving, footpaths, lot sizes and street patterns.

**Heritage Significance** City

**Creation date(s)** 1920s

**Local Government Area** City of Maribyrnong

**Ownership Type** Private & Public

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