

# Olga Street



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## Location

1-11 & 2-12 OLGA STREET, COBURG, MORELAND CITY

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO217

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Olga Street Precinct, comprising of 1 - 9 & 2 - 12 Olga Street, Coburg.

How is it Significant?

The Olga Street Precinct is of local architectural significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it Significant?

The Olga Street Precinct demonstrates a highly homogeneous group of substantially intact late inter-War brick villas in variants on the English Domestic Revival style. The nine houses which comprise the precinct illustrate well a range of architectural elements, materials and compositional techniques used in various combinations, but retaining a consistency of scale and setback. The significance of the street is increased by the high number of intact original front fences. (AHC Criterion E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;

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## Physical Description 1

The Olga Street Precinct contains the properties at 1-9 (No 11 being non contributory) and 2-12 Olga Street, Coburg. It comprises a short cul-de-sac containing nine houses dating from the late inter-War period. All are single-storey brick villas in variants on the English Domestic Revival and Moderne styles. The variety of designs using a basic palette of compositional techniques and materials gives the street the feeling of a collection of display houses.

Most typical of the style are Nos.5 and 7, which are of clinker brick with hipped tiled roofs and projecting gabled porches with corbelled gable ends and pointed arched openings. No. 12 is similar, but in cream brick. No. 9 is again similar in plan, but is completely rendered and has a heavier, classically-derived porch with semi-circular arched openings to the south and east. Along the east side, the houses at Nos. 2, 4, 8 and 10 are all of white-painted rendered brick with clinker or mottled brown brick sills, string courses and dressings to openings. The porches of Nos. 2 and 4 have a distinct Moderne character derived from the use of horizontal string courses and, in the case of No. 2, a stepped brick chimney on the front elevation. No. 3 is similar, but in a dark cream brick with dark brown brick dressings.

The transition from timber-framed double-hung sash windows to steel-framed casements in the late 1930s and early 1940s is evident in the street; example of the former are Nos. 2, 5, 8 and 10, the latter Nos. 7 and 9.

The homogeneity of the street is enhanced by the uniform glazed terracotta tiled roofs and simple brick and render chimneys. Most of the houses retain their original front fences (No. 9 is an exception), which are either low brick or brick piers with wrought iron infill panels. The brick and white-painted rendered brick fences of Nos. 2, 4 8 and 10 match their respective houses and are of particular note. No. 1 retains an original side garage, although its appearance has been marred by the construction of a later carport in front of it.

The intactness of the houses is generally good, although the intactness of the street as a whole has been reduced by the later house at No. 11 (non contributory).

Kerbs, gutters and footpaths within the precinct are concrete. Street planting comprises a variety of natives on grassed nature strips.

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