

# PRECINCT - FISCHER STREET



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Fischer Street Precinct Map

## Location

1-9 & 2-16 FISCHER STREET,, COBURG VIC 3058 - Property No 36616

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO426

## Heritage Listing

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The houses, constructed between c.1928 and c.1930, at 1-9 & 2-12 & 16 Fischer Street, Coburg are significant. The homogeneous inter-war character created by the consistency of form, scale, style, and detailing of the contributory dwellings, which remain largely intact as viewed from Fischer Street, and the detached siting with garden setbacks and low front fences to the majority of houses is integral to the significance of this precinct.

The house at No.14, non-original alterations and additions to the contributory houses and outbuildings are not significant. The high front fence at No.12 is an intrusive element.

### How is it significant?

The Fischer Street precinct is of local historic and architectural significance to Moreland City.

### Why is it significant?

It is historically significant as evidence of the significant growth of Coburg during the inter-war period. It is also significant as evidence of the important role that the State Savings Bank of Victoria played in the provision of housing in Melbourne after World War I. (Criterion A & H)

It is architecturally and aesthetically significant as a fine group of well-detailed inter-war houses, which stand out in this area because of their consistency of form and detailing. (Criteria D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Moreland - North of Bell Street Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2013;
Construction dates	1925,
Hermes Number	140041
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The Fischer Street precinct is an inter-war residential area. It comprises the group of houses, which were predominantly constructed in the period 1928-1931 at Nos. 2-16 and 1-9 that has a consistent character of weatherboard California Bungalows with tiled roofs of the late 1920s, many of them State Savings Bank of

Victoria (SSBV) designs. Adjoining houses to the north, which were constructed from the early 1940s onwards, and are characterised by hip rather than gable roof forms, are not included in this precinct.

They fall into several basic forms. There are a number of nearly identical and highly intact SSBV houses with transverse gable roofs with jerkin-head ends. The front verandahs are formed by the roof and are supported on paired Tuscan columns resting on a brick balustrade (Nos. 4, 8 & 12). Nos. 6 & 10 have hipped roofs with a minor gable to the facade.

On the opposite side of the street, Nos. 1, 3 & 5 all have transverse gable roofs with minor gables to the front (NB: No.1 appears to be painted brick). Nos. 7 & 9 are gable fronted. No.7 has a very attractive brick arch supporting its verandah, while No.9 has one major and two minor gables to the front ornamented with brackets and supported on Tuscan columns.

The majority houses are in good condition and have a relatively high degree of external integrity when viewed from the street. Where visible additions have been made (e.g., carports) they have been designed to be sympathetic to the original dwelling. Front fences are generally low and the example at No.7 -constructed from woven wire with timber capping - appears to be early or original to the house. The high front fence to No.12 is an intrusive element.

The house at No.14 is considered to be non-contributory to the precinct, as it was constructed later than the other houses.

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