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# ASCOT VALE FIRE STATION (FORMER) & RESIDENCE



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(former)



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## Location

17 & 19 FERGUSON STREET, ASCOT VALE, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO393

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 26, 2013

### What is significant?

The former Ascot Vale Fire Station, constructed in 1906, at 17 Ferguson Street and the adjoining former fireman's residence at 19 Ferguson Street Ascot Vale, are significant. The former Ascot Vale Fire Station is a Federation red brick building, of a scale similar to a single storey shop, built to the frontage and the side boundaries. The

facade has no pedestrian doors; there is a square vehicular opening with a concrete lintel and a steel I-beam projecting above it. To the right-hand side is a double hung timber window with a flat brick arched lintel and bluestone sill, all of domestic scale. The gabled roof is concealed by the flat parapet, which is detailed with a stringcourse, cornice and coping using moulded bricks. The parapet returns at each side before raking down to become an angled wall. One chimney with a terracotta pot is visible. The adjoining house at no.19 is a typical double-fronted late Victorian Italianate timber villa with a M-hip roof. The symmetrical facade is clad in ashlar board and features tripartite windows on either side of the entrance door, which has a top light. There are two rendered chimneys with stringcourses and cornices. The verandah with cast iron frieze may be a sympathetic reproduction.

Non-original alterations and additions to the buildings are not significant.

### **How is it significant?**

The former Ascot Vale Fire Station and residence are of local historical significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

### **Why is it significant?**

It is historically significant as a representative example of a small suburban fire station, which demonstrates the simple buildings constructed by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in the early twentieth century. The adjoining house is important for its historic associations, as the residence for firemen at the station from the early 1900s until its closure in 1927. It demonstrates how firemen with families often lived off site as accommodation was only provided for single men at fire stations until the Metropolitan Fire Brigade changed its policy to encourage 'married life' for firemen and began to construct fire stations with integrated quarters suitable for families. (Criteria A & D)

## **Theme**

### 6. Building towns cities and the garden state

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2015, 2015; Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Stage 1 Heritage Gap Study, Context PL, 2013;
Construction dates	1898, 1906,
Hermes Number	196199
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

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