

COOK'S BLACKSMITH



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Location

882-884 MT ALEXANDER ROAD, ESSENDON, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 3, 2013

What is significant?

Cook's Blacksmith at 882-884 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon, is significant. The Cook's Blacksmith building is in two sections, both of which are built to the front and side boundaries. The early section (dating from c.1890) is the brick building at the south side of the complex. It has an iron-clad gable-fronted roof (concealed by a simple sheet-metal parapet with 'Norm Cook Welding Repairs' and 'Est 1857'), two segmental arch windows in the south elevation (now boarded up) and large ledged timber carriage doors. Appended to its north side is a second gable-fronted bay, this one timber framed and corrugated-iron clad.

How is it significant?

Cook's Blacksmith at 882-884 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon is of local historic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

It is significant for its associations with the development of Mt Alexander Road and is a representative example of the small businesses established along its length in the nineteenth century to service travelers. It appears that a blacksmith has occupied this site since the 1850s and the continuous association with the Cook family who first established the business enhances the significance of the place. It is also significant as a rare surviving example of the simple industrial buildings once found along Mt Alexander Road, but that have been almost completely lost due to later development. (Criteria A, B, D & H)

Theme

5. Building Victoria's industries and workforce

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;
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Physical Description 1

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In 1989 the large brick stables, accessed from Willow Street, reportedly survived as a separate tenancy (Vines, 1989). However, this has since been demolished. At the rear of the brick building is a modern building with a steep skillion roof.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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