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# Coburg Velodrome



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## Location

30-34 Charles Street COBURG NORTH, MORELAND CITY

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO582

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 12, 2023

### What is significant?

The Coburg Velodrome at 30 Charles Street, Coburg North is significant. The form and shape of the track is significant, as well as the central field associated with the track.

### How is it significant?

The Coburg Velodrome is of local historical and social significance to the City of Moreland.

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

The Coburg Velodrome has historical significance as related to the Coburg Cycling Club who were formed in 1896 and built the velodrome in 1932 as part of their continuing growth as a club. Since then, it has remained in use by the local community for 88 years. The place is important the history of amateur and professional cycling, not only in Coburg but the broader Melbourne metropolitan region. (Criterion A) The Coburg Velodrome has been associated with the local cycling community - Coburg Cycling Club - for 88 years. The club has been active since the nineteenth century, functioned for 36 years prior to the velodrome opening. They continue to function within the community today. (Criterion G)

Heritage Study/Consultant Moreland Heritage Nominations Study, Extent Heritage, 2022;

Construction dates 1932,

Hermes Number 206801

Property Number

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### **Physical Description 1**

The Coburg Velodrome is comprised of a brick office building, toilet block, and the velodrome itself. The block in its entirety amounts to approximately 10 acres, with a gravel carpark, soccer oval and large water tank. The velodrome is constructed of concrete and mounded earth, with a cyclone fence on the perimeter. The brick office building is single-storey and constructed of red brick with a flat roof. It is used by the Coburg Cycling Club and appears to be a 1980s construction.

The landscape setting surrounding the site is a mix of residential and industrial, with large industrial buildings to surrounding the site, interspersed with residences.

The condition of the place is good, being maintained for both sporting events and community events.

### **Integrity**

- When originally constructed in 1932, the velodrome was gravel. It has since been concreted
- The office block and toilet block were constructed after the velodrome, likely post 1980s
- Installation of water tank
- Provision of a shipping container in the centre of the velodrome

Though the site has some alterations, it still has high integrity for its continued use as a sporting facility.

### **Physical Conditions**

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*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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