# Royal Hotel

## Location

154-162 Barkly Street, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011 - Property No 2005000200

## Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO3

## Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

## Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, a bold and simple (if not fully orchestrated) example of the streamlined Moderne (cf. United Kingdom Hotel, Clifton Hill). Historically, a long-term hotel site in Footscray and presumably the centre for informal and formal social gatherings.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Maribyrnong - City of Footscray Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1989; |
| Construction dates | 1872,  1940, |
| Hermes Number | 28119 |
| Property Number | |

## Physical Description 1

A two-level streamlined Moderne style hotel constructed much in the mould of Kensington's Hardiman's Hotel. It is parapeted with a simple cornice and string moulds around its girth, with its main attributes being the bold rounded corner at Droop Street and the associated raised parapet device which curves back over into the main building. Steel windows at these curving points (timber framed windows are used elsewhere) and glass bricks provide further style hallmarks, with the Gill Sans letter face spelling at the hotel's name in slim iron letters, and terra-Cotta faience tiling, which covers the lower walls. Combined with a tradition of tiled hotel walls common since the Edwardian period, these tiles enhance the streamlined horizontality of the building's Moderne image.

## Integrity

External Integrity
Tiles have been painted, new entry floor tiling, air units added.

## Physical Description 2

Streetscape

Because of its bold rounded corner siting, the hotel needs little visual support but nevertheless receives it from the generally stuccoed and parapeted form of the earlier commercial streetscape, plus an altered contemporary on the opposite corner (154).

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