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## Pebbles



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### Location

57A Droop Street, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011 - Property No 2025017900

### Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1308

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO35

### Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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### Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, among Victoria's best and most distinctive suburban Bungalow designs and is in original condition while possessing important internal detailing. Historically, it has a long connection with the Whitehill family whose role in Footscray changed with the urbanization of the city itself, from dairying to real estate.

Heritage Study/Consultant Maribyrnong - City of Footscray Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1989;  
Architect/Designer Schreiber & Jorgensen,  
Hermes Number 28227  
Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

Crushed quartz 'pebbles' are used prolifically on the exterior and water-washed round pebbles on the inside (fireplace) of this exotically styled Californian Bungalow.

The rest of the external walling is red pressed brickwork, rough-cast stucco and cedar gable shingling, with the terra-cotta Marseilles pattern tiles on the roof. Timber also plays a major role in the subtle ornamentation of the house, either as slatted brackets or the impressive giant-trellis fence set between its brick piers. The form is after the Japanese model of central main gabled roof with gabled pavilions set on axis at the major elevations of the house. Similarly the Eastern influence is expressed through the timber veranda detail.

Inside there is much more of the timber detail but with a French polish and in a highly fretted form, each ornamental portal framing the path from one large space to another. Unlike the usual Bungalow plan which has a hall opening via glazed double doors into the adjacent receiving rooms, Pebbles' main rooms communicate directly with the hall, the ornate timber screen being the only division.

## Integrity

External Integrity

Original.

## Physical Description 2

Streetscape

It presents bold elevations to both streets (Geelong Road, Droop Street) and relates to Edwardian and Bungalow housing further north in Droop Street. It adopts a frontage to the now established premier street for the district's elite (Geelong Road).

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