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# Richardson House



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28248 2 Geelong Road

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## Location

2 Geelong Road, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011 - Property No 2037000200

## Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO187

## Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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## Statement of Significance

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The Richardson house is significant to the City because:

- historically, the house is associated with a prominent Footscray industrialist, Sydney Richardson (Criterion H1);
- its construction for a local industry leader reflects the rapid growth of industry and their firm in the Edwardian-era (Criterion A4);

- it is a simple, relatively large example within the City of the transition from the Queen Anne to the Californian Bungalow style (Criterion F1);
- it forms part of a distinctive group within the City which is expressive of the desired location for Footscray's famous on the one hand and the stylistic progression this took over the Victorian & Edwardian-eras (Criterion A3).

#### Footscray Conservation Study SOS

A simple, relatively large example of the transition to the Bungalow style which has suffered (fortunately) reversible alterations. Historically, it is associated with a prominent Footscray industrialist.

#### Australian Heritage Commission (AHC) criteria

The Australian Heritage Commission criteria consist of a set of eight criteria which cover social, aesthetic, scientific, and historic values. Each criterion has sub-criteria written specifically for cultural or natural values. The relevant criteria are:

H.1 association with important person or group

A.4 demonstrates well the course and pattern of history, important historic events

A.3 richness and diversity of cultural features

F.1 design or technological achievement .

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## Physical Description 1

Now the Footscray Dental Clinic, predictably this brick, basically Bungalow style house, has suffered unsympathetic additions. mainly confined to the Geelong Road elevation. Composed as one deep Dutch hipped roof form, with a gabled transept, the house is transitional between the tea-house hip-roof forms of the Queen Anne style and the broad gabled roof forms of the Bungalow.

As with both styles, the attic is used here as the preferred two-storey form with dormer openings to all points of the compass, A large silver poplar dominates the evidently reduced grounds (6 Geelong Road) and other exotic shrubs, including conifer rows used in the period, survive in part. The fence appears to be either original or sympathetic to the original.

## Integrity

#### External Integrity

An intrusive addition has been made to the south side the fence replaced and the entrance porch glazed in and altered,

## Physical Description 2

#### Streetscape

Once the end of a stylistic progression which started at the Victorian period 10 Geelong Road and ran via the Queen Anne style 8 Geelong Road to its near Bungalow counterpart at number 2. The neo-Georgian 6 Geelong

Road was added relatively recently (on the tennis court of 8), interrupting this theme, although it is still symbolic of Geelong Road as the chosen residential area of Footscray's famous. The house's aspect to the Edwardian Footscray Park opposite has been also modified by the development of Footscray Institute of Technology.

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