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## Shop at 117 Nicholson Street



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### Location

117 Nicholson Street, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011 - Property No 2059023900

### Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

### Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

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### Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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### Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, a masterly and complete Moderne shop design. Historically, identified with a locally prominent jeweller family.

Heritage Study/Consultant Maribyrnong - City of Footscray Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1989;

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## Physical Description 1

Obviously a renovation, some of the row it once joined survives in nearer its original state at 121 and south-ward. Nevertheless, the renovation was complete and accomplished, introducing a full-blown Moderne styled facade to the then dominantly late Victorian streetscape. Vertical ribbing frames the upper level and wraps over the top as rounded shoulders for the otherwise austere parapet. The main window group is topped with a similarly rounded cement hood, the framing is steel and above it, the firm's trade (Jewellers) is spelt out in avant-garde surface-mounted metal lettering.

The canopy echoes this vernacular and, below it, the gleaming streamlined brass-framed and vitrolite shopfront provides a faithful expression of the 1930 and the Moderne art form. Terrazzo flooring is patterned and bears the firm's name. Internal fittings appear original.

## Integrity

External Integrity

Fluorescent batten fitting attached to window hood and a sympathetic illuminated sign under the canopy.

## Physical Description 2

Streetscape

Although its design destroyed part of the 1890s period streetscape, it retains the parapeted stuccoed form of its former row and the 19th Century streetscape which extends to the south.

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