
Airlie House



HO65 - Elm Trees, 31
Somerville Road,
Yarraville.JPG



28329 31 Somerville Road

Location

31 Somerville Road, YARRAVILLE VIC 3013 - Property No 4087015800

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO65

Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, expresses both an early construction date and the basalt construction distinguishes Footscray from other suburbs. Historically, linked with some of the city's earliest river front industrialists and the maritime activities (via Walpole) which made Victoria's busiest 19th century port, Williamstown, and its industrial partner, Footscray, a prominent duo in the metropolitan area. Also a possible link exists with the romantic novelist Walpole and a later entertainment (the cinema) via the Footscray Walpole's progeny.

These elm trees are significant to the City of Maribyrnong:

- as mature and large examples of their type, being among the largest, and therefore possibly oldest, in the City (Criterion B2);
- for their association with Horace Walpole and other well known persons who lived in this house (Criterion H1).

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:

B.2 rarity

H.1 association with important person or group

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - City of Footscray Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1989;
Other Names	later The Elms,
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Physical Description 1

(obscured-inspection required)

Apparently of some age (old chimneys) and once fronting Stephen Street (for good reason given its first owner), this hipped roof stone house is comprised of house and a once detached kitchen (?). The latter still possesses exposed stonework, but the former has been stuccoed over. Both are set well back from Somerville Road with the frontage aptly demarcated by a row of mature (severely pruned) elms.

Physical Description 2

Streetscape

Unrelated to the streetscape proper but probably the precedent for the later well to-do households which were established here during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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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