
Henderson's Piggery



HO77 - Henderson House.jpg

Location

43-45 Moreland Street, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011 - Property No 3054005000

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1397

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO77

Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

Statement of Significance

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Of State historical and architectural significance, the site is not only a particularly early example of industrial development in Footscray and one of the first buildings to be constructed in this area, but also demonstrates a once common but now unusual association of industrial and residential functions. (Criterion A3) The buildings are

among the oldest in the state where this association is preserved. In most other cases the residences have been replaced due to the owner's prosperity or the expansion of the factory they served. Those that have survived have always been detached from the factory. The manufacture associated with the site was typical of the meat processing industries common on the Maribyrnong, evidence of which could still be seen in the salt encrusted basement just prior to renovations carried out in 1986-7. (Criterion A4)

The site demonstrates the process of bacon curing which is rarely seen in an urban context now, the live in industrial entrepreneur is also a vanished race (Criterion B2) and is part of the industrial and especially noxious industry heritage of Footscray. (Criterion C2). Because of its continuing association with community activity and relationship to the river it is now an important aesthetic contribution to the aesthetic character of the regenerated Maribyrnong riverscape. (Criterion E1) The site is also associated with Samuel Henderson and so gains local fame as much for the survival of this complex as for his own activities. (Criterion H1)

Footscray Conservation Study SOS

Architecturally, demonstrates the traditional combination of factory owners' house and factory, here intimately integrated but incomplete. It also illustrates the city's other major industry (stone quarries) and its architectural application. Historically, it is among the oldest group of factory-owner residences in the State which survive in an attached, visually integrated form to the factory they served. Most contemporary, residences have been replaced because of expansion of the factory or the prospering of the owner or, those that have survived, have been always detached from the factory.

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:

A.3 richness and diversity of cultural features

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

B.2 rarity

C.2 research potential

E.1 aesthetic importance to the community or cultural group

H.1 association with important person or group

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000; Maribyrnong - City of Footscray Urban Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1989;
Construction dates	1872,
Other Names	Henderson's Bacon Curing Factory,
Hermes Number	28453
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The curing works, 2 storey residence, stables and factory buildings were originally built around a courtyard but now only the bluestone east wing survives (residence and curing house).

Featuring hipped iron roof over typical of the era coursed rubble bluestone with cream hand made brick quoins to window and door openings. Verandahs are modern approximations to the original cast iron concave roofed varieties.

The west and north wing, apparently of bluestone, brick and timber, were demolished in 1969.

Archaeological remains may survive particularly along the west and north side of the rear yard.

The downstairs area is said to have had an intact barrel run and elevator in the south end and when renovations occurred, some of these fittings were covered over. An elaborate garden was maintained on the east side. The demolished wings contained the slaughter house on the north, the boiler house in the north west corner and stables on the south of the courtyard.

Physical Conditions

In good condition with recent restoration work.

Integrity

Only a small part of the original complex survives and that has been altered but does retain much of its original appearance.

Physical Description 2

Located in the distinctive urban context of the former residential/industrial zone in the earliest settled part of Footscray.

Historical Australian Themes

Thematic context

Australian Principal Theme Manufacturing and Processing

PAHT Subtheme: Manufacturing and Processing

Local Theme Industry by the River: Early

Physical Description 3

Creation date(s): 1872 -3

Heritage Significance *state*

Map (Melway) 42 E5

Boundary description

The extent of the current allotment including modern landscaped grounds between Moreland and Wingfield Streets.

Local Government Area: City of Maribyrnong

Ownership Type Council

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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