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# Creamota



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## Location

19 Sunshine Road, FOOTSCRAY WEST VIC 3012 - Property No 5131001200

## Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO159

## Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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## Statement of Significance

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Creamota is of historical and architectural significance to the City of Maribyrnong as the most substantial grain mill in the district reflecting the highpoint of industrial design of the period with its simple utilitarian lines and functional plan. (Criterion F1) The mill represents the importance of food processing in the western region and stands as one of a small number of surviving mills, where once dozens operated in the metropolis and hundreds in Victoria.

(Criterion B2)

The adjoining contemporary office section is contributory. The elaboration of grain milling and development of specialist food products is expressed by the Creamota mill, which produced brand-name cereals and cooking products in addition to stock flour and oat products. (Criterion C2)

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

C.2 research potential

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1940,
Hermes Number	28660
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## Physical Description 1

The Creamota mill takes the common form of the standard grain mill with four machinery floors to a narrow rectangular plan set diagonally across the block, probably to align with the railway siding which runs off the Tottenham yards across Sunshine Road at a 45 degree angle.

Constructed in red brick with reinforced concrete bands forming window lintels, the structure has internal reinforced concrete pillars and floors.

The roof is of corrugated iron on simple fabricated steel lattice trusses. There is a concrete tank on roof supported on the walls and internal concrete pillars. Beside the mill stand the 30 metre high concrete silos capable of storing 4000 tonnes of grain. Formerly, a tall concrete chimney vented the coal fired boilers, although these became redundant with conversion to mains electricity and individually powered, electrically driven milling and sifting machines. The Office on the north side is contemporary, while original storage buildings to the south have been modified and extended. Other buildings of more recent date have been built to the south and west of the mill. A railway siding connects directly into loading bays with below ground delivery hoppers.

Machinery in the mill includes Simon roller mills up to about 50 years old, and some grain cleaning and sorting equipment of similar age, although some of the plant is far more recent.

## Physical Conditions

In good condition and externally intact.

## Integrity

The adjacent flour mill is gone but otherwise the site is remarkably intact, including much of the early equipment.

## Physical Description 2

Located among contemporary factories and warehouses, opposite the Tottenham rail yards, which were the prime locational factor for industry in this area, providing transport access via private sidings.

## Historical Australian Themes

### Thematic context

**Australian Principal Theme** Manufacturing and Processing

**PAHT Subtheme:** Feeding people

**Local Theme** Industry Pushing Outwards:

## Physical Description 3

**Creation date(s):** 1940

**Heritage Significance** *city*

**Map (Melway)** 41 J5

The significant structures are confined to the main 4 story mill building and associated office and store.

### Boundary description

**Local Government Area:** City of Maribyrnong

**Ownership Type** Private

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