

Footscray Fire Station Complex & palm



HO116 (1) - Footscray Fire Station Complex, 67-71 Droop Street, Footscray.JPG



HO116 (2) - Footscray Fire Station Complex, 67-71 Droop Street, Footscray.JPG

Location

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO116

Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

Statement of Significance

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City of Maribyrnong Heritage Review Statement of Significance: *Footscray Fire Station & palm are significant to the western region because:*

- *the station complex is one of the region's more architecturally accomplished inter-war public utility buildings (Criterion F1);*
- *the station complex and palm have remained essentially unaltered from the street view and preserves the functional association of fire engine garages and firemen's accommodation plus the landscape setting (Criterion D2);*
- *the palm is relatively unusual for a utility building landscape in the City (Criterion B2); and - it is a long term public utility well known by the community, representing the early days of station construction under the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (Criterion A4).*

Footscray Conservation Study SOS

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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:

F.1 design or technological achievement .

D.2 good example of type

B.2 rarity

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

Construction dates	1941,
Other Names	Listed as number 69-71 in Footscray Urban Conservation Study. Vol: 4, pg. 44,
Hermes Number	28992
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Footscray Fire Station takes on the contemporary red brick and cement Georgian revival style, more commonly used for residences in the eastern suburbs. It contrasts with other stations of the era, designed in the Moderne/Modern style of the architects Seabrooke and Fildes in suburbs such as Brunswick and Windsor. Symmetry and stylised revival detail are essential aspects of this elevation. An additional engine shed has been added to the south in a sympathetic style during the 1980s. Because of changed operating methods the associated flats have become redundant and are now let out.

The palm is typical planting for the construction era and supports the period expression of the place.

Physical Conditions

Good (partially disturbed, well preserved).

Integrity

Substantially intact/some intrusions - generally externally original with an addition to the south.

Physical Description 2

Isolated as a major utility building in a residential domain.

Historical Australian Themes

Thematic context

Australian Principal Theme Building settlements, towns and cities

PAHT Subtheme Supplying urban services

Local Theme(s) Establishing services

Physical Description 3

Map (Melway) 42 C3

Boundary description The title land and buildings with emphasis on fabric from or near the construction date and MFB occupation.

Heritage Significance Regional

Creation date(s) 1941-2

Local Government Area City of Maribyrnong

Ownership Type

Public

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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