
Green's Buildings



HO190 (1) - Green's Building, 337-351 Barkly Street, Footscray.JPG



HO190 (2) - Green's Building, 337-351 Barkly Street, Footscray.JPG

Location

337 Barkly Street, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011 - Property No 2005029800

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO190

Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

Statement of Significance

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Green's Buildings are locally historically, architecturally and socially significant, within the City context:

- as a distinctive architectural landmark on a prominent site, made so by the domed corner bandstand (Criterion B2);
- for its association with the Green family who were well known in the Footscray area during the early 20th century and remembered today in the Green Fountain (Criterion H1); and
- as a dance hall, it has been a venue for social events in the locality (Criterion A4, G1).

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

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

G.1 social importance to the community

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1913,
Other Names	Imperial Art Palace,
Hermes Number	29895
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This corner landmark building is a two storey; brick clad and has a distinctive domed balcony or band stand at the splayed corner entry - in use when the building served as a dance hall. This corner cupola element has a tall turned timber finial, turned posts and a balustrade rail devoid of balusters, plus a clock set in a scrolled timber fascia. Its sheet clad base extends around both elevations as the fascia for the cantilevering street canopy extending over the shopfronts (all of the Barkly Street elevation and half of the Geelong Road elevation). The fascia below the band stand also has the words 'Green's Buildings' faintly discernable under paint layers.

The main hipped roof (set out in two bays) is clad with corrugated iron and the upper level fenestration (double-hung sash windows) is regularly spaced between piers, taking up a small percentage of the wall area facing Geelong Road and in the old section of the Barkly Street elevation. However, the later section of this elevation has large window openings that fill the wall bay between pilasters. A string mould demarcates the parapet area from the main upper wall and hold the building name 'Green's Buildings' facing Barkly Street.

The floor to ceiling glass shopfronts along both elevations have replaced those of the Edwardian-era versions but elements, such as the marble mosaic threshold that spells out the name 'Imperial Art Palace' and the Edwardian-era pressed Art Metal ceilings within, show the main development periods. The parapet has been modified or modernised in the 1920s from its ornate Edwardian-era form but otherwise this earlier section is clearly discernable from the other wings. The Geelong Road elevation continues as a simple utilitarian brick facade that returns up a side lane into loading areas.

Physical Conditions

Externally good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

Integrity

Externally substantially intact/some intrusions, given the distinct development phases, with new shopfronts and roller shutters added and the bricks painted over.

Historical Australian Themes

Thematic context

Australian Principal Theme: Developing local, regional and national economies

PART Subtheme: Marketing & retailing

Local Theme(s): Providing shops and retail facilities

Physical Description 2

Map (Melway) 42B4

Heritage Significance: City

Creation date(s): 1913-14, 1921

Boundary description The building and title land with emphasis on fabric from its main construction period, c1914-30.

Local Government Area: City of Maribyrnong

Ownership: Private

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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