
Tennyson Street



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19-23 Tennyson Street

Location

19-31 TENNYSON STREET, MOONEE PONDS, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO11

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Tennyson Street precinct, which comprises a small group of houses constructed c.1890 to c.1910 at 19-31 Tennyson Street, Moonee Ponds is significant. All of the houses within the precinct are Contributory. The following buildings and features contribute to the significance of the place:

- The original form, single storey scale, detached siting and detailing of the Contributory houses.
- The extent to which development in one key period before and after 1900 is apparent.

- The low front fences, which allow views to the front and side elevations of the houses.
- The relatively high intactness of the majority of the houses when viewed from the street.

Non-original alterations and additions to the Contributory houses are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Tennyson Street precinct is of local aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

Aesthetically, the precinct is significant as a cohesive and visually harmonious group of Victorian and Edwardian houses, which are related in scale, form and detailing and are enhanced by the hillside setting and elevated house sites. (Criteria D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley Heritage Overlay Places Review, David Helms Heritage Planning, 2012; Moonee Valley - Essendon Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1985;
Construction dates	1890,
Other Names	Precinct,
Hermes Number	30527
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Tennyson Street precinct comprises a small group of late Victorian (nos. 19-23) and Edwardian (nos. 25-31) era houses. The houses are single or double fronted and all but one (no.23) are of timber construction.

The Victorian houses generally reflect the Italianate influence, while the Edwardian houses are derived from the Queen Anne with Arts & Crafts detailing. The Victorian houses have cast-iron verandahs with decorative frieze. Windows to the street elevation are tripartite (nos. 19, 21) or paired double hung sash (no.23). The timber houses are block-fronted, while no.23 is of bi-chrome brick. The houses at nos. 19 and 23 are the most intact retaining slate roofs and rendered chimneys. The roof to no.21 is new, the chimneys have been removed and the verandah profile altered.

Stylistically, the house at no.25 illustrates the transition between the two styles; having the symmetrical, hipped roof form of the former with details (e.g. tall paired double-hung windows, verandah) suggesting the latter. The three Edwardian houses at nos. 27-31 are asymmetrical in plan with a projecting gable and have similar detailing (e.g., triple casement windows with coloured toplights and decorative window hoods, - although the windows and verandah to no.31 have been altered) suggesting they are the work of the same builder. The chimneys are in brick (corbelled at no.25, and with rendered tops and terracotta pots to nos. 27-31). With the exception of no.31 the Edwardian houses have a high degree of intactness when viewed from the street.

All of the houses have garden setbacks (slightly greater for the Edwardian houses) and narrow side setbacks. Front fences are uniformly low (no.19 is an exception) and like the Woods/Hurtle streets precinct (HO6) the elevated siting adds a picturesque element to the group and the stepped roof lines, augmented by the high gables of nos. 27-31, which distinguish this streetscape. The street retains early bluestone kerb and channelling.

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