Victorian Heritage Database Report

Mt Alexander Rd and Flemington St



120-32 Mt Alexander Road



17 & amp; 19 Flemington Street.JPG



106-14 Mt Alexander Road



Flemington Street (2).JPG



Flemington Street.JPG

Location

104-136 MT ALEXANDER ROAD, 9-19 & 8-24 FLEMINGTON STREET, and 1 & 2 LITTLE PRINCES STREET, TRAVANCORE, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO28

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Mt Alexander Road and Flemington Street precinct, which is a residential area comprising late Victorian, Federation and Edwardian era houses constructed c.1890 to c.1915 is significant. The following buildings and features contribute to the significance of the place:

- The Significant houses and their front fences at 120-32 Mt Alexander Road*.

- The Contributory houses at 9-11 & 17-19 (odds) and 8-24 (evens) Flemington Street, and 106-14 Mt Alexander Road.

- Varying frontage widths, containing both detached and attached housing, but with similar form (hipped and gabled roofs, verandahs, some parapets), materials, detailing, ornament and siting.

- The extent to which development in two periods 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 Significant and Contributory houses, and the houses and buildings at 15 Flemington Street, 116-18 & 136 Mt Alexander Road and in Little Princes Street are not significant.

*Note: Please refer to the separate Hermes place record for this terrace, which has a statement of significance.

How is it significant?

The Mt Alexander Road and Flemington Street precinct is of local historic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

Historically, the precinct demonstrates the two phases of residential expansion along Mt Alexander Road, the first during the late nineteenth century boom, and the second being the recovery in the early decades of the twentieth century, which was stimulated by the opening of the electric tramway network in 1906. (Criteria A & D)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley Heritage Overlay Places Review, David Helms Heritage Planning, 2012; Moonee Valley - Flemington and Kensington Conservation Study, City of Melbourne, 1985;
Construction dates	1885,
Other Names	Precinct,
Hermes Number	30544
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This is a residential precinct comprising predominantly single storey houses dating from the late Victorian to Edwardian periods. The houses are mostly either attached in terrace rows or semi-detached in pairs with varying frontage widths, but sharing similar form (hipped and gabled roofs, vernadahs, some parapets), materials, ornament and siting,

The Victorian era houses include 'Rainsford Terrace' (108-14 Mt Alexander Road) which comprises four bichromatic single fronted cottages with a simple rendered parapet with a raised central pediment bearing the name of the terrace. The slightly convex verandahs have simple wrought iron brackets, and tessellated tile floors are separated by wing walls with vermiculated panels and consoles. Windows are double hung sash. Other features include the rendered chimneys. The low picket fences are sympathetic, but not original. The other similarly-styled Victorian-era house is at 10 Flemington Street. It is constructed of bi-chromatic brick with bi-chrome brick chimneys. The front verandah is contained between end walls with vermiculated panels and consoles and has cast iron decoration and a picket fence. The tiled roof is not original, but otherwise the house is relatively intact.

The other Contributory houses in the precinct date from the Federation/Edwardian era. Most are semi-detached pairs and some demonstrate the influence upon form and detailing of the Queen Anne style that became popular during the early 1900s such as asymmetical planning, hip roofs with prominent projecting gables facing the street, half timbering to the gable ends, verandahs with ornamental timber frieze or valance, tall brick and render chimneys with terracotta pots, and casement sash windows (sometimes with coloured toplights). In Mt Alexander Road, this includes the attached pair at nos. 104-06 as well as the terrace of 7 houses at nos. 120-32 (please refer to the separate Hermes record for a detailed description of the latter place, which is of individual significance).

In Flemington Street, the elevated siting of the pairs of houses at nos. 9-11 and 17-19 enhance their contribution to the streetscape. The pair at nos. 9-11 are also distinguished by their 'flying' timber screens, while no.8, constructed of red face brick with roughcast render detailing has an elegant carved timber screen to the gable end. The other houses comprised of three attached pairs at 14-16, 18-20 & 22-24 Flemington Street are weatherboard cottages with hip and gable roof, but simpler detailing when compared to the other houses in the precinct.

The precinct has a moderate level of integrity - Non-contributory places including the modern townhouses at 116-118 Mt Alexander Road, 15 Flemington Street and in Little Princes Street.

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