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Location

1-105 & 2-116 FRANCIS STREET, ASCOT VALE, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO305

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Francis Street precinct, which is a residential area comprising housing constructed during the Victorian and Federation/Edwardian periods, is significant.

The houses at 1-15, 21-51, 57-89, 95, 97, 101-105 & 2-28, 32-42, 46-74, 78-116 Francis Street contribute to the significance of the precinct.

The houses at 30, 53 and 99 Francis Street are Significant and also contribute to the precinct. These places have their own citation and statement of significance.

Non-original alterations and additions to the Significant and Contributory houses, and the houses and flats at 17, 19, 44, 55, 76, & 91-93 Francis Street are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Francis Street Precinct is of local historic, architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

It is historically significant as the pattern of early Victorian and Edwardian houses surrounded by later houses built in the interwar period demonstrates the rapid spread of Melbourne suburbs in the 1880s assisted by the advent of the railways and tramways. It recalls the period when the (Union Road) shopping centre in the vicinity of Ascot Vale Station and the introduction of the tramway were established to service its suburban context. (Criterion A)

It is architecturally and aesthetically significant for the remarkable diversity of housing types and styles in such a small area. The consistency of the various architectural styles, the gentle sloping blocks emphasize the strong and picturesque character of the precinct. The predominant Victorian and post-Federation architectural styles display richness and variety of details, features and materials. (Criteria D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Heritage Review Stage 3, Bernadette De Corte, 2003;
Construction dates	1890,
Other Names	Precinct,
Hermes Number	30548
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Francis Street Heritage Area display a broad range of predominantly Victorian and Post-Federation cottages and houses. They consist mostly of single-fronted, double fronted semi-detached and row houses in timber, brick and render. They are all single storey (second storey additions not taken into account).

Although originally part of the same subdivision, the street has two distinct periods of architectural development.

The west end is dominated by a Victorian and post Federation streetscape. Although there has been a reasonable degree of evolutionary changes in the precinct since its first development, the architecture retains a high degree of integrity. Roofing consists of galvanised iron or slate or replacement or later materials. Most of the dwellings are typified by front verandahs, similar front and side setbacks and narrow block frontages. Houses would have picket fences originally and the streets would have been covered with asphalt and bluestone kerb and channel. A single stone reconstructed bluestone kerb remains.

The east end is dominated by post Federation architecture on larger allotments, creating a different streetscape from the west end.

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