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# Bowen Street Precinct

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## Location

Bowen Street WINDSOR, Stonnington City

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO124

## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

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Bowen Street Urban Conservation Area has significance as a cohesive and characteristic nineteenth century working-class street retaining a series of small weatherboard cottages with small frontage set-backs. The form and stylistic consistency of the cottages create a remarkably cohesive architectural character to the area. Historically the physical relationship between the workers' housing and the mansions is of interest.

The use of timber picket fences, white not original, reflects the earlier fencing types likely to have been used in this area and contributes to the valued character of the area.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Conservation Review City of Prahran Volume 3: Urban Conservation Areas, Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Construction dates	1880,
Other Names	Bowen Street, Windsor,

Hermes Number 30702

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

The Bowen Street Urban Conservation Area comprises a remarkable group of timber cottages each originally virtually identical in its detailing, but with several original variations apparent. Each cottage is single fronted and built in timber. The main facade uses timber block work while the sides are clad in weatherboards. A convex verandah extends across the main facade and is supported on chamfered posts with cast iron lace of varied patterns. Paired pendant eaves brackets with mouldings between are set under the eaves on the front facade. On the south side the cottages have a single front window with side lights. The cottages on the north side vary this pattern with a paired double hung sash window on the main facade. Each has a heavily moulded chimney.

The streetscape is created by the repetition of the cottage forms and their virtually identical detailing. The street itself retains an asphalt surface but the footpaths and kerb and guttering have been replaced with concrete. Trees are planted within the footpath and include typical post-war species of Brush Box, Prunus and Melaleuca.

The majority of the houses have recent timber picket fences in a variety of heights and forms.

## Local Historical Themes

8.5.1 'Struggletown' - working-class housing in the nineteenth and early twentieth century

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