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# Gascoigne Estate Precinct

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## Location

Finch Street MALVERN, Stonnington City

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO133

## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

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The area comprising the former Gascoigne, Gascoigne Extension and Waverley estates is of regional significance as a substantial and important example of Federation and inter-war suburban development in Melbourne. Initially subdivided in the late nineteenth century, it experienced its greatest growth in the first decades of the twentieth century. The area therefore exhibits a mixed character typical of land subdivided during the land boom of the 1880s, with generous allotments often backing onto narrow lanes occupied with houses often built as much as forty years after the initial subdivision. The area is *one of* the least altered and most easily interpreted examples of this sequence of development in Melbourne's inner suburbs.

This significance is enhanced by the area's integrity, with a high proportion of buildings remaining first to be built upon their individual allotments, and by the quality of the building stock. The overall character of the area, a mature Federation and inter-war area with broad tree-lined streets, has for many years been seen as quintessential Malvern. The area's associations with Central Park are contributory to its significance. The land upon which Central Park is sited was part of the Gascoigne Extension estate, and its development as a park by Malvern council can be seen as a notable intervention adding significantly to the verdant character of the area as a whole.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Background report in support of proposed Gascoigne and Waverley Estates Urban Conservation Area, Bryce Raworth, 1994;
Construction dates	1900,
Hermes Number	30740
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Please refer to attachment of this record

## Local Historical Themes

8.2.2 'Country in the city' - suburban development in Malvern before 1920 8.2.3 'The City of Real homes' - the development of Malvern after World War 1 3.3.3 Speculation and land boomers - subdivision from 1880s onwards 3.3.5 Recovery and infill 1900-40

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