
Surrey Road/Cromwell Crescent Precinct

Location

Cromwell Crescent SOUTH YARRA, Stonnington City

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO147

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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The Cromwell Crescent and Surrey Road North Urban Conservation Area have significance as a cohesive grouping of buildings, built probably as a single development, set within a street design of 1872. The street design represents a type rare within the metropolitan area, and the building forms chosen emphasise the sweeping curve, creating a grouping of strong aesthetic quality.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Conservation Review City of Prahran Volume 3: Urban Conservation Areas, Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Construction dates	1880,
Other Names	Centred on Cromwell Crescent, South Yarra,
Hermes Number	30777
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Cromwell Crescent and Surrey Road North Urban Conservation Area comprise a group of buildings on an unusual curved crescent. The buildings within the Area are all shown on the 1895 MMBW plan. It remains largely intact as a group today, and takes up essentially one quarter of a circle (or quadrant). At the north eastern point is a single storey timber house. It is adjoined to the west by two detached two storey terrace-form houses, of which No. 10 is painted but No.8 ('Attwood') retains its unpainted polychromatic brickwork. Further west is a single storey detached villa (no. 6) with similar detailing. A bluestone laneway leads between this building and the rest of the group to the west and south, to a rear courtyard area that is now a small park. Continuing to the west are two detached single storey villas (Nos. 4 and 2) and further west two pairs of terraces, again single storey, (70 and 68 Surrey Road).

The current setting of the area detracts substantially from the quality of the street form and the architecture of the buildings. Traffic management works in the form of roundabouts, have changed the streetscape. Likewise the building of high brick fences in front of a number of these houses has impacted on their unity and cohesion as a group.

Local Historical Themes

8.2 Middle-class suburbs and the suburban ideal

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