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Location

1-13 & 2-14 BOURKE STREET, COBURG, MORELAND CITY

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO34

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2008

What is Significant?

The Bourke Street Precinct, including places 1-13 and 2-14 Bourke Street, Coburg (but excluding 1, 4a & 6 Bourke Street which are non-contributory places)

How is it Significant?

The Bourke Street Precinct is of local architectural significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it Significant?

The Bourke Street Precinct is of architectural significance as it comprises a relatively homogeneous group of substantially intact inter-War weatherboard bungalows, built to a small number of standard designs. Although the housing is representative of the north-west of Coburg as whole, the precinct stands out as a street of particularly intact houses displaying a cohesion of scale, materials and setbacks. (AHC Criterion E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;

Construction dates 1920,

Hermes Number 56035

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The Bourke Street precinct includes the properties at 1-13 and 2-14 Bourke Street, Coburg. It is a small residential area comprising predominantly Inter War weatherboard bungalows lining a short street between O'Hea and Murray Streets.

The street comprises almost entirely asymmetrical weatherboard bungalows built to similar designs. The houses are characterised by wide, gabled porches with tapered roughcast rendered brick piers and weatherboard or half-timbered gable ends. Windows are a combination of timber-framed casements and double-hung sashes, some with diamond-pane leadlight. The front gables project from either longitudinally-gabled main roofs (with similarly detailed gable ends), or transverse gables with unornamented gable ends on the side elevations. Most roofs are clad in corrugated galvanised steel, although there is a small number of houses with terracotta tiled roofs. Chimneys are generally simply detailed in brick.

Most front fences are non-original, although, with the exception of No. 4A, most are low. Several houses have undergone restoration, including the construction of timber picket front fences.

Footpaths, kerbs and gutters in the precinct are concrete, and street planting comprises a collection of small natives on the grassed nature strips.

Some properties retain their original timber and woven wire fences, and many gardens comprise original or traditional plantings.

Non-heritage elements in the street are restricted to the 1970s brick house at No. 6, and a smaller rendered masonry house (c.1990s) on a subdivided block at No. 4A. These are sympathetic in scale and setback to the existing building stock, although their materials are unsympathetic. A permit for demolition has been issued for No. 1.

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