
Holmes Road and Norwood Crescent

Location

HOLMES ROAD, and NORWOOD CRESCENT, MOONEE PONDS, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO307

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Holmes Road and Norwood Crescent Precinct, which comprise the shops, constructed in stages from 1905 to 1937, at 2-28 & 11-31 Holmes Road and 1-11 Norwood Crescent, Moonee Ponds are significant. The original shopfronts to the shops facing Norwood Crescent are a notable element.

Non-original alterations and additions to the shops are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Holmes Road and Norwood Crescent Precinct is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

The precinct is historically significant as evidence of the recovery after the 1890s depression and demonstrate how construction of electric tramway along Puckle Street to the Moonee Ponds railway station encouraged development in the first decades of the twentieth century. These shops demonstrate how the area west of the railway line developed as an adjunct to the Puckle Street centre in the early twentieth century. (Criteria A)

The precinct is aesthetically significant as a highly intact precinct of early to mid twentieth century shops, which are notable for their varied detailing and remaining shopfronts. (Criterion E)

Construction dates 1905,
Other Names Precinct,
Hermes Number 197593
Property Number

Physical Description 1

The pre-World War I single storey shops at nos 2-14 Holmes Road and 1-5 Norwood Crescent are constructed in the Edwardian style. Roofs are terra-cotta marseille tiles with decorative terracotta ridge tiles, and dormer windows centrally located in the roof. The dormer windows consist of a decorative gable or roof vents. The roofs are segmented by the brick dividing walls. The corner shop is accentuated by a hipped roof that terminates in a broad turret formation at the corner. The Norwood Crescent shopfronts are almost intact whereas the shops along Holmes Road have undergone more dramatic changes below the parapet. The Norwood Crescent shops have intact early metal shop fronts with widening base walls, segmented glazing and angled ingos. The 1919 shopfronts are representative of more simple early inter war shopfronts with typical features such as the rendered arched parapet, cantilevered verandahs, ceramic tiled plinths and side strips. Most of these shopfronts windows have now been replaced.

The ground floor shopfronts of the remainder of the shops in the precinct have been replaced, but most of the decoration above street level is still intact. The double storey shops in Holmes Road show a great variety of inter-war styles varying from the Stripped Classical to the highly decorated Spanish Mission facade at No.15 Holmes Road.

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