
249–255 CANTERBURY ROAD / MALING ROAD SHOPPING CENTRE AND RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONS

Location

249–255 CANTERBURY ROAD CANTERBURY, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7922-0513

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

249–255 Canterbury Road, inclusive of the main buildings and possible outbuildings, is of archaeological significance due to its relationship with early suburban Melbourne and the impact of early Victorian rail in the late 19th and early 20th century. Further, a review of the VHI indicates that there have been no retail shops listed outside of Melbourne's CBD. There is potential through the investigation of deposits and remains to provide archaeological insight, coupled with the historical record, of a suburban retail space from the late 19th and early 20th century, linked with the birth of Victoria's suburban rail network. Shops and services were vital in supporting the growth of Canterbury and surrounding suburbs. 249–255 Canterbury Road serviced the community from the late 19th century until the mid-20th century and can provide valuable insight into the daily lives of suburban communities.

Any buried foundations, deposits, or artefacts associated with these properties can have significant archaeological potential to help with our understanding of early 20th century suburban life.

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

Interpretation
of Site

The four semi-detached properties which housed shops and services vital in supporting the growth of Canterbury and surrounding suburbs have the potential to contain archaeological features and deposits. This may include structural footings, artefacts or archaeological deposits. 249-255 Canterbury Road services the community from the late 19th century until the mid-10th century and can provide valuable insight into the daily lives of suburban communities. 249-255 Canterbury Road were part of a strip of shops known as the Maling Road Shopping Centre. With its inception in the late 19th century, the precinct became established in the early 20th century, coupled with the electrification of the rail line. In the 1970s it became one of the first commercial heritage precincts in Melbourne and currently contains almost 70 businesses that are largely retail (City of Boroondara 2015; 2020). The impact of the grade separation works and creation of the underpass at Canterbury Road would have caused significant ground disturbance in some areas acquired by the Roads Corporation (most notably along the western boundary of the site with pits created for utilities), but in other sections of the site, minimal ground disturbance (in particular along to boundary with 257 Canterbury Road) is probable owing to the type of landscaping present in aerial and street view photographs. Thus, the level of impact, when assessing the site in its entirety, is considered to be moderate. The archaeological potential of the site is also considered to be moderate given the possibility that structural foundations from the 20th century, and possibly earlier 19th century structures, are still present, along with associated deposits and artefacts connected to the shops.

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