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# CURRIE'S BUILDINGS



Essendon Conservation  
Study 1985



24-34 St Leonards Road.JPG

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## Location

24-34 ST LEONARDS ROAD,, ASCOT VALE VIC 3032

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO116

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

Curries Buildings, built by 1889, at 24-34 St Leonards Road, Ascot Vale. The form, scale, and original external materials and detailing of the building contributes to the significance of the place.

Non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

**How is it significant?**

Curries Buildings at 24-34 St Leonards Road, Ascot Vale are of local historic and architectural significance to Moonee Valley City.

**Why is it significant?**

It is historically significant as a place that illustrates the speculative development associated with the land boom in Ascot Vale and is of particular interest as a development that incorporated both shops and residences. This is typical of the 19th century practice that development should adjoin the owner's house; it also is original in concept of a shopping group isolated in a residential area, sited presumably because of the nearby railway. (Criteria A & D)

It is architecturally significant as a good example of a nineteenth century terrace row, which is notable for the incorporation of a tower and central carriage-way to serve the shops and residences. It has aesthetic significance as a landmark building within the Bayview Terrace precinct. (Criteria D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant    Moonee Valley - Essendon Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1985;

Construction dates            1889,

Hermes Number                24144

Property Number

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**Physical Description 1**

An altered two-storey, polychrome, brick and stucco row of six shops and residences, distributed symmetrically about a central parapetted and balustraded tower. A porte-cochere, or carriage way passes under this tower. Raised, pedimented entablatures provide centre pieces to the parapet balustrading and the shallow window bay implied at each alternate upper-level. Shallow, pedimented bays are set below and central to, the cornices of the other shops; the raised entablatures of those being gabled but without architraves. Generally, the stucco being is unpainted and parapet urns are complete.

Later, slatted timber decoration occurs as the balustrade and frieze of the lower level verandah recess, replacing what is likely to have once been shop fronts. The shop row has been converted to residences at a later date (ie c1915).

***Streetscape***

A dominating presence in the generally one storey, 20th century residential streetscape which relates to 8-5 St Leonards Road (q.v.), the adjoining 36 and the streetscape of Bayview Terrace to the north. (refer to Bayview Terrace precinct)

***Integrity***

The shop fronts have been removed and new walls, doors and windows added; the brickwork of 34 and 26 has been painted; unsympathetic fences have been built at 24-26

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