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## Robertson house



HO188 (1) - Robertson House, 8 Geelong Road, Footscray.JPG



HO188 (2) - Robertson House, 8 Geelong Road, Footscray.JPG

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### Location

8 part Geelong Road, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011 - Property No 2037000600

### Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO188

### Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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### Statement of Significance

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The Robertson house is significant to the City of Maribyrnong because:

- the house is, architecturally, an adept and one of the best executed designs in the Queen Anne villa manner judged within the City (Criterion F1);
- of its historical association with one of Footscray's more famous commercial figures, John Robertson (Criterion H1);

- of its owner's association with the development of industrial relations in the City when Footscray led the State in obtaining uniformly more adequate working conditions (Criterion A4); and
- of its contributory role within a notable group of houses built by prominent persons, both within Footscray and the State during a number of key eras in the City's history (Criterion A3)

#### Footscray Conservation Study SOS

Architecturally, an adept design in the Queen Anne villa manner but more important, historically, because of its association with one of Footscray's more famous commercial figures, particularly in his industrial relations role when Footscray led the State in obtaining uniformly more adequate working conditions. Also it is set among other houses built by leaders in other fields, both within Footscray and the State.

#### Australian Heritage Commission (AHC) criteria

The Australian Heritage Commission criteria consist of a set of eight criteria which cover social, aesthetic, scientific, and historic values. Each criterion has sub-criteria written specifically for cultural or natural values. The relevant criteria are:

H.1 association with important person or group

A.4 demonstrates well the course and pattern of history, important historic events

A.3 richness and diversity of cultural features

F.1 design or technological achievement

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1901,
Hermes Number	29011
Property Number	

## Physical Description 1

Robertson's red brick Federation Bungalow style house contrasts with the conservative but contemporary Italianate style of his partner, Hooper's house at 10 Geelong Road. Composed around the main hip roof, with gabled wings set at right-angles, the house is distinguished by an octagonal corner turret in the verandah on the north side, return timber verandah, and a large bay window to the front wing with an unusual embossed dado. Otherwise timber slatting, unglazed Marseilles pattern terra-cotta roof tiles, tall tapered brick chimneys, embossed wall cladding and half-timbered details provide typical period ornamentation.

The house is similar to designs by, architects, HW & FB Tompkins (see example Ascot Vale Rd, Ascot Vale) who designed the Hooper store in Brunswick 1908.

## Physical Conditions

Good (partially disturbed, well preserved).

## Integrity

Substantially intact/some intrusions. The verandah floor has been rebuilt, the fence replaced and adjoining tennis court built on (see 6 Geelong Rd.). An unrelated addition has been placed on the south side.

Set among stylistically related houses built for Footscray's elite in this part of Geelong Road and linked historically, by its first owner, to the adjoining 10 Geelong Road.

## Historical Australian Themes

### Thematic context

**Australian Principal Theme** Building settlements, towns and cities

**PAHT Subtheme** Making suburbs

**Local Theme(s)** Employers' Housing

## Physical Description 3

**Map (Melway)** 42 C3

**Boundary description** The title land and buildings with emphasis on fabric from or near the construction date and Robertson occupation.

**Heritage Significance** City

**Creation date(s)** 1901

**Local Government Area** City of Maribyrnong

**Ownership Type**

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

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