
Kirk house



HO176 - Kirk House, 67
Whitehall Street,
Footscray.JPG

Location

67 Whitehall Street, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011 - Property No 3089013500

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO176

Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

Statement of Significance

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City of Maribyrnong Heritage Review Statement of Significance:

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

- Architecturally, although altered, it represents the small number of early Victorian two-storey residences in the City (Criterion B2);

- Historically, it has housed some of Footscray's prominent persons including a quarrymen, the contracting class, epitomizing the evidently high status of these men in the community and, in turn, their industries status in the metropolis (Criterion A4);
- of its association with the prominent clergyman, the Rev HF Scott (Criterion H1).

Footscray Conservation Study SOS

Architecturally, now altered but reclaimable in part, it represents in the study area the minority of early Victorian two-storey residences. Historically, it has housed some of Footscray's prominent quarrymen and contracting class, epitomizing the status of these men in the community and, in turn, their industries status in the metropolis.

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:

B.2 rarity

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

H.1 association with important person or group

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1872,
Other Names	Rev. Henry Scott house,
Hermes Number	29022
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

A two-storied, conservative Italianate villa with a cemented facade and face-brick rear additions, this house shows its age by the form and disposition of its now truncated chimneys.

The lines of a two-storey concave roof verandah are still visible on its face as is the probable iron baluster form. Balusters appear to have been retained (in part) as balconette devices on the three upper windows. Another indicator of its age is the close spacing of its carved eaves brackets, each interspersed with rosettes. Other ornament includes a Medieval reference in the application of label moulds and bosses on the arched upper windows. Segment arches are evident downstairs over the larger windows. The iron palisade fence appears to have been also cut down but the pickets, iron corner posts and its quarry-face basalt plinth remain.

Physical Conditions

Externally good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

Integrity

Externally, substantially intact/some intrusions. Verandah, front door case and chimney cornices have been removed, a porch added, other additions made at the rear, a side window blocked and the fence modified. Sufficient evidence exists to recreate most of these lost items.

Physical Description 2

Context

The house is set among mainly timber Edwardian villas (altered), many also adopting the Italianate manner, but none with the scale. The nearest contemporaries are the stone-walled 49 Whitehall Street and the corner Exchange Hotel.

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 E5

Boundary description The title land and buildings with emphasis on fabric from or near the construction date, the 19th century and the tenure of Rev. Henry Scott.

Heritage Significance City

Creation date(s) 1872

Local Government Area City of Maribyrnong

Ownership Type Private

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