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# Moreton Bay fig at the Footscray Hotel



HO136 - Moreton Bay Fig,  
Footscray Hotel next to 48  
Hopkins Street,  
Footscray.JPG

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## Location

48 Hopkins Street, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011 - Property No 3037001800

## Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO136

## Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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## Statement of Significance

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Moreton Bay fig at the Footscray Hotel, is significant to the City of Maribyrnong:

- as a very mature tree which is uncommon within the general planted context of the City, judged by their maturity and type ( Criterion B2);
- its association, with the Footscray Hotel, an early and historic place in the City ( Criterion A4).

## 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:

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

B.2 rarity

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1875,
Other Names	`Ficus macrophylla',
Hermes Number	29103
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

This large Moreton Bay fig tree is west of the present bluestone building. The building reflects major alterations in the 1920s or 1940s.

`Ficus macrophylla' is a ` large, spreading evergreen tree, this species occurs naturally in coastal rainforests of eastern Australia. It grows to about 130 ft (39 m) with a spread nearly as great and a buttressed trunk. It bears large, leathery, dark green leaves with rust-toned undersides, and abundant fruit that turn reddish brown when ripe { Botanica}'.

## Physical Conditions

good (partially disturbed, well preserved)

## Integrity

substantially intact/some intrusions

## Physical Description 2

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Set beside an early hotel at the entry to the City and near former landscaped factory sites and the river.

## Historical Australian Themes

**Thematic context**

**Australian Principal Theme** Developing cultural institutions and ways of life

**PAHT Subtheme** Creating landscape

**Local Theme(s)** River Crossings: Fords, Punts, Hotels and Bridges

**Physical Description 3**

**Map (Melway)** 42E4

**Boundary description** The tree and sufficient land around it to allow for root zone and canopy protection, nominally 1m beyond the drip line, root zone or canopy perimeter which ever is the greatest.

**Heritage Significance** Regional

**Creation date(s)** 1875-1880c?

**Local Government Area** City of Maribyrnong

**Ownership Type** Private

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