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Maisonettes, 20-24 Ailsa St

Location

1-15 & 20-24 AILSA STREET, ASCOT VALE, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO22

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Ailsa Street precinct, which is a residential area comprising Inter-war era houses constructed c.1935 to c.1940, at 1-15 and 20-24 Ailsa Street, Ascot Vale is significant. The following buildings and features contribute to the significance of the place:

- The Contributory houses and garages at 1-15 & 20-24 Ailsa Street.
- The low front and side fences constructed of brick and cyclone wire.

- Original garden elements including concrete paths and driveways.
- The visual homogeneity created by the similar form, styling, materials and siting of the houses.
- The extent to which development in one period is apparent.
- The low front fences, which allow views to the front and side elevations of the houses and enhances the 'garden suburb' character.
- The high intactness of the majority of the houses when viewed from the street.

Non-original alterations and additions to the Contributory houses are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Ailsa Street precinct is of local aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

Aesthetically, the precinct is significant as a visually homogeneous streetscape of Inter-war houses, which are related in scale, form and detailing. The aesthetic qualities of the precinct is enhanced by the high degree of intactness of the houses and garages, which are complemented by original front fences, pathways and driveways and garden landscaping. (Criteria D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley Heritage Overlay Places Review, David Helms Heritage Planning, 2012; Moonee Valley - Essendon Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1985;
Construction dates	1935,
Other Names	Precinct,
Hermes Number	30501
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Ailsa Street is a residential precinct comprising houses of the late Inter-war period. The houses are mostly single storey and detached with the exception of nos. 20-24, which comprises a pair of two-storey maisonettes, and have roofs clad with cement or glazed terracotta, Marseilles pattern tiles. The Moderne influence upon domestic architecture of the mid to late Inter-war period is demonstrated in many of the dwellings by stucco render with decorative brick 'stream lines', prominent porches with concealed roofs and rounded wall corners, and stepped brick and render chimneys. The Moderne influence can also be seen in the similarly styled houses at nos. 5 and 9 that are a hybrid of that style and English Domestic Revival, which is demonstrated by the clinker brick detailing. No.7, on the other hand, is a more traditionally styled bungalow with Arts & Crafts detailing including the prominent gabled porch with a brick arch and shingling to the gable ends. The maisonettes at 20-22 Ailsa Street are the most substantial and stylistically sophisticated of the houses with corner and porthole windows and wrought iron balconies.

The houses are complemented by original garages either attached (e.g. No.15) or detached (e.g. 11, 13), low brick or cyclone wire front fences with wrought gates, and low cyclone wire return side fences in the front setback area and many have typical inter-war garden layouts, with a predominance of standard roses lining serpentine concrete pathways, lawns and symmetrically placed columnar cypress at doorways. Hedges are also used on both chain wire fences and elsewhere in the gardens. Most have a side driveway comprising parallel concrete strips separated by grass. The houses are all in good condition and have a very high degree of integrity when viewed from the street. The similar styling of many of the houses, which creates a visually homogenous streetscape, suggest that they are the work of a single designer-builder.

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