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## Location

294-300 MARIBYRNONG ROAD, 40-48 THE BOULEVARD, and 189-195 HOLMES ROAD, MOONEE PONDS, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO4

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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Maribyrnong Park is of high local historical, social and architectural significance.

The park is historically and socially important for its strong association with the Essendon River League, one of Melbourne's earliest, community conservation groups.

Developed largely through the voluntary funds of the League, the park is historically and architecturally important as the 'home base' for the League's Improvement and beautification projects. The park was central to the activities of the organisation and many of the park's structures built through voluntary funds and labour continue to stand and the park remains a focus for local community events.

The park's pioneer Retreat built by the Essendon Rotary Club in 1938 is historically and socially important as a precursor to the elderly citizens clubs of the late 1950s. It highlighted the need for elderly persons' clubs, and this first major community project of the Essendon Rotary Club, Melbourne's earliest suburban Rotary club, influenced the construction of further similar buildings by other Rotary clubs before local councils provided this community service for the elderly.

The Pioneer Retreat has further historical and social importance as the clubrooms for the Ascot Vale Trugo Club. The few surviving clubs in Melbourne's inner suburbs share rooms and courts with other organisations; Ascot Vale is unique for occupying their own quarters.

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

Construction dates 1890,

Hermes Number 30518

Property Number

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