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# Fern Avenue Precinct

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## Location

Fern Avenue WINDSOR, Stonnington City

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO132

## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

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The Fern Avenue Urban Conservation Area has significance as a relatively intact residential streetscape dating from the period of the First World War and illustrating the Edwardian architectural characteristics of the period.

The key heritage characteristics of the Fern Avenue Urban Conservation Area are:

- its First World War Edwardian residential character
- the consistent form, scale and materials throughout the Area
- the retention of street works from the early twentieth century period including
- bluestone kerb and gutters and street plantings
- the entry to the area from Williams Road
- the form of the area as a T shaped residential street and the closure of the vista
- along Fern Avenue by Edwardian cottages of a similar period.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Conservation Review City of Prahran Volume 3: Urban Conservation Areas, Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Construction dates	1860,
Other Names	Centred on Fern Avenue, Windsor,
Hermes Number	30737
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The Fern Avenue Urban Conservation Area is a residential street developed in the early years of the twentieth century. The houses are Edwardian in form, most being semi-detached pairs, although there are some detached examples. The character of the street is created by this repetition of forms and the dominance of red brick and terracotta as materials. While architecturally undistinguished and typical of their period, these houses are simply and well designed and detailed.

In form Fern Avenue is a T shaped residential sub-division. The street plantings comprise two large Plane trees near the corner of Williams Road combined with a mixture of larger trees particularly on the northern side of the street where their form has not been affected by overhead powerlines (as has occurred on the south side).

The tree species include Liquidambar, Lilly Pilly, a large Birch and examples of another unidentified species. These plantings are typical of the early twentieth century period, although probably all post-date the subdivision and development of the area by some years. The retention of low, predominantly timber or cyclone wire fencing along the street, particularly on the northern side, enables the houses to be seen and retains a character much like that evident during the early years of this precinct. Along the southern side there has been more alteration to the buildings and there is a greater diversity of fence types including low brick fences.

## Local Historical Themes

8.1.3 The end of an era - mansion estate subdivisions in the twentieth century 8.2.1 Mansion estates and the high ground

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