

# Turner Street



Turner St (2)



Turner St (3)



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## Location

1-43 & 1/2-46 TURNER STREET AND 242-252 & 247 O'HEA STREET PASCOE VALE, MERRI-BEK CITY

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO179

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Turner Street Precinct, comprising houses at 242-252 and 247 O'Hea Street and 1-43 and 1/2-46 Turner Street. Pascoe Vale South is significant. Buildings and features that contribute to the significance of the precinct are:

- relatively intact interwar and postwar houses
- relatively intact postwar non-residential buildings including the single storey rendered brick shops with stepped parapets at 44-46 Turner Street and the single storey former Baby Health Centre built of cream brick at 43 Turner Street
- cohesion of scale of the buildings, materials and setbacks in Turner Street and O'Hea Street, enhanced by generally well-maintained front gardens and open reserves on the corners of Turner Street and O'Hea Street.

Recent alterations and additions to the contributory places are not significant.

Non-Contributory properties include:

- O'Hea Street: 250-252.
- Turner Street: 2/2, 3/2, 12, 17, 18, 24, 32A and 38.

### How is it significant?

The Turner Street Precinct is of local historical and representative significance to the City of Merri-bek.

### Why is it significant?

The Turner Street Precinct is of local historical significance as tangible illustration of the pattern of residential development in Pascoe Vale, which was the construction of housing in the interwar period on allotments left vacant since late 19th century subdivisions. Further residential construction in the postwar years followed in a similar style and scale. The development of shops and community facilities are closely linked to the postwar residential development of the neighbourhood. (Criterion A)

The Turner Street Precinct is of architectural significance as a representative collection of substantially intact interwar and postwar houses and commercial buildings which display a high level of integrity and cohesion of scale, materials and setbacks, enhanced by generally well maintained front gardens and open reserves on the corner of Turner and O'Hea Streets. (Criterion D)

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## Physical Description 1

Address: 242-252, 247 O'Hea Street and 1-43, 1/2-46 Turner Street, Pascoe Vale South

The Turner Street Precinct is a predominantly residential area, comprising all of Turner Street and a number of properties in O'Hea Street. The Precinct is characterised by its mix of detached inter-War and mid-20th century domestic styles. Of the inter-War houses, styles represented are bungalow (Nos. 8, 14, 26, 28 and 30), Spanish Mission (No. 4), English Domestic Revival (Nos. 16 and 33). The houses in O'Hea Street generally date from the post-War period, a good example being Comic Court at No. 246. The intactness of the houses is mostly good.

Non-residential buildings in the Precinct include the 1960s kindergarten at 38-42, Turner Street, the former Baby Health Centre at 43 Turner Street, and the two shops at 44-46 Turner Street.

The 1960s Baby Health Centre at 43 Turner Street is a single storey cream brick building designed in a postwar domestic style and scale.

The two shops at Nos. 44-46 are located in a single storey rendered brick building with stepped parapets to the front and rear elevations. A large awning cantilevers along the Turner Street frontage. Likely refurbished as shops in the 1960s, they have an angled shopfront incorporating large plate glass display windows and recessed doorways with terrazzo thresholds. The mosaic shopfront wall tiling has been overpainted.

Street planting in Turner Street and O'Hea Street includes small Melaleuca, along the narrow nature strips. There are two established trees on the property at 250-252 O'Hea Street. Most houses have low front fences, most of which are original, and some appear to retain original and well-maintained gardens: No. 10 is a good example. The footpaths, kerbs and guttering are concrete.

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