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## AKINS AUTO SERVICE (FORMER)



44 Nicholson St. Coburg East

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### Location

44 NICHOLSON STREET,, COBURG VIC 3058 - Property No 99316

### Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO338

### Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The former Akins Auto Service at 44 Nicholson Street, Coburg East.

How is it significant?

The former Akins Auto Service at 44 Nicholson Street, Coburg East is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

Of historic significance as a substantially intact, purpose-built, inter-war motor garage, that dates from the period when automobile ownership and recreational car touring were increasing. (AHC Criteria D2)

Of aesthetic significance, as a good example of an inter-war suburban garage, with Art Deco-inspired details. (AHC Criteria E1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;
Hermes Number	59221
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## Physical Description 1

Akins Auto Service at 44 Nicholson Street is a typical interwar single storey garage built directly in front (connected to?) a painted weatherboard bungalow with a terracotta tile roof and a red brick chimney.

The petrol station/garage is a painted concrete rendered building with a Art Deco-influenced staggered parapet with projecting and recessed bays which run the height of the building. It has a gabled corrugated galvanised steel roof. The garage is small but is designed to appear monolithic. The garage has a number of Deco inspired motifs on the front facade. There is a small central door flanked by large windows which have been painted over. The building turns the corner into an alley way and presents a larger door on the corner elevation. The building retains an early paint scheme (light blue with darker blue lettering) which advertises the garage (Akins Auto Service) and the printing press (Elaray Press).

## Physical Conditions

Fair

## Integrity

Minor Modifications

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*