Statement of Significance: Spotswood Residential Heritage Precinct

Heritage Place: Spotswood Residential PS ref no: HO30



What is significant?

The Spotswood Residential Heritage Precinct, which comprises all land in HO30 and includes houses east and west of the railway line. Places west of the railway are located in an area bound by McLister Street (south), The Avenue (north) and Melbourne Road (west). East of the railway, the precinct includes places to Craig, Raleigh and Robb streets.

Contributory elements:

The following original features contribute to the significance of the Spotswood Residential Heritage Precinct:

- Generally intact single storey houses dating from the late 19th century to the end of the Interwar
 period (circa 1945), one with an attached shop,
- Subdivision patterns established during the late 19th and early 20th centuries,
- Consistent setbacks,
- Intact roof forms (hipped, gabled, gambrel etc.) and cladding (including corrugated metal sheeting and terracotta tiling),
- · Rendered or brick chimneys, as well as terracotta pots,
- Roof detailing such as decorative terracotta cresting and/or finials, and to gable ends (shingling, weatherboards, half-timbering/battens, rendered finishes),
- Intact painted timber-framed walls with a range of cladding including ashlar boarding, weatherboards, (bands of) shingled boards,
- · Intact face brick walls or porches,
- General timber detailing, including exposed rafter ends, brackets, decorative friezes (fretwork, spindles, etc.), turned timber posts, etc.
- Verandahs, usually with timber detailing though some with cast iron friezes, and porches with brick piers and the like,
- Decorative elements, usually classicising detailing such as cornices, brackets, pediments,

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- Timber-framed windows including double-hung sashes, casements with toplights, bay windows, some with awnings or hoods,
- Front doors usually timber, panelled and/or with glass panes, often with transom windows and/or sidelights,
- · Front fences, mainly original low masonry (Interwar period),
- · Minimal garden settings,
- · Kerbing and channelling, and
- · Complementary street plantings.

How is it significant?

The Spotswood Residential Heritage Precinct is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it significant?

Historically, it is significant for its ability to demonstrate the key phases of development in Spotswood during the late Victorian, Federation, and Interwar (through to the end of WWII), which was a consequence of the development of industries and railway-related infrastructure in the area. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, it is significant for the its consistent housing stock from the late Victorian, Federation and Interwar periods. It is notable for its consistent character, which is derived from the predominantly weatherboard single storey detached houses that have similar form, scale, detailing and materials. Most houses have a verandah or porch to the front and many retain original decorative features to their facades. Compared with other precincts in the Municipality, houses in Spotswood often occur in groups of two or more similar buildings, suggesting the work of a particular builder/developer.

The historic character of some streets is enhanced by an established canopy of mature exotic street trees. (Criterion D)

Primary source

Spotswood Activity Centre Structure Plan Heritage Study 2022

Number	Address	Grade
1	Bolton Street	Contributory
3	Bolton Street	Contributory
5	Bolton Street	Contributory
7	Bolton Street	Contributory
8	Bolton Street	Contributory
11	Bolton Street	Contributory
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31	Bolton Street	Contributory
42	Craig Street	Contributory
46	Craig Street	Contributory
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39	Hope Street	Contributory
57	Hope Street	Contributory
61	Hope Street	Contributory
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65	Hope Street	Contributory
67	Hope Street	Contributory
41	Hudsons Road	Contributory
43	Hudsons Road	Contributory
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111	Hudsons Road	Contributory
113	Hudsons Road	Contributory
121	Hudsons Road	Contributory
123	Hudsons Road	Contributory
125	Hudsons Road	Contributory
127	Hudsons Road	Contributory
128	Hudsons Road	Contributory
135	Hudsons Road	Contributory
137	Hudsons Road	Contributory
2	McLister Street	Contributory
626	Melbourne Road	Contributory
628	Melbourne Road	Contributory
6	Raleigh Street	Contributory
8	Raleigh Street	Contributory
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59	Robert Street	Contributory
29	The Avenue	Contributory
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