

## Identification and location

**Name of Place:**

**Other Name**

**Address**

**Place Identifier**

**Heritage Significance**

**Creation date(s):**  **Map (Melway)**

**Boundary description**

**Local Government Area:**

**Ownership Type**

## Description

**Site Type:** manufacture

### Physical Description

Large iron-foundry with timber and iron framed buildings clad in corrugated galvanised iron forming an L pattern with gabled ends facing Geelong Road and Geelong Street, respectively. Semi-circular ridge vents identify the major foundry buildings, while smaller storage wings have simple pitched roofs without vents.

A brick, two-storey office block is situated on Geelong Road near the corner of Geelong Street featuring a bichrome brick facade of cream and manganese bricks with the darker shade used to pick out window and door openings and as a string course. The site is, however, dominated by the foundry building with its open sides and overhead travelling crane. The open yard adjacent to this is used for mould box storage with the crane supports extending beyond the end of the building into the open air. The painted signage on the gable end is of some antiquity, possibly c1950s.

### Condition

### Integrity

### Context

### Threats

## History

Graham Campbell was established in the early 1900s. It grew from a small shop doing general jobbing work and cast iron domestic items to become a major supplier of castings to Victoria and interstate metal manufacturing firms. By the 1950s it was one of the largest foundries in the Western Suburbs. The W.L. Allen Foundry was developed with finance from and became a subsidiary of Graham Campbell Ferrum. These two are now the only still operating iron foundries of the mid twentieth century left in the region.

### Thematic context

**Australian Principal Theme**

**PAHT Subtheme:**

**Local Theme**

## Cultural Significance

The Graham Campbell Ferrum foundry is of regional historical and architectural significance to the City of Maribyrnong as one of the oldest operating and major foundries with prominent links to other Footscray industries such as W.L.Allen Foundry. (Criterion A4)

It was also the largest private jobbing foundry in the western region in the early 20th century. The works is a dominant feature of the Geelong Road streetscape and is part of a group of important Moderne style industrial complexes in this area. (Criterion D2)

### Comparative Examples

Compares locally with the later W.L. Allen Foundry in Ballarat Road.

## Recommendations

**Heritage Victoria Register**

**Register of the National Estate**

**National Trust Register**

**Other Heritage Listings**

**Planning Scheme Protection**

**External Paint Controls Apply?**

**Internal Alteration Controls Apply?**

**Tree Controls Apply?**

**Included on the Victorian Heritage Register under the Act**

**Are there Outbuildings or Fences not Exempt?**

**Prohibited Uses may be Permitted?**

### Recommendations

The following objectives relate to the Statement of Significance and the cited fabric or contributory elements.

- To conserve and enhance the significant elements of the place.
- To conserve and enhance the public view of these elements.
- To conserve and enhance the visual relationships between the contributory elements.
- To ensure that new or altered elements within the place are visually recessive and related to the contributory elements.
- To prepare a conservation management plan which embodies the above objectives.
- To encourage continuation of the original use of the place.

## Australian Heritage Commission Criteria

*A4 Importance for their association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, state, region or community.*

One of the oldest operating and major foundries with prominent links to other Footscray industries

*D2 Importance in demonstrating the principle characteristics of the range of human activities in the Australian environment (including way of life, custom, process, land-use, function, design or technique).*

Foundries have been integral to Footscray's industrial development, and that of the Western Region. This is probably the most characteristic example surviving.

## Documentation

### References

Hugh Anderson *W.L Anderson Foundry* 1989

Vines, G. *Western Region Industrial Heritage Study*, Melbourne's Living Museum of the West. 1989.

Lack, History of Footscray,

## Data recording

Assessed By

Assessed Date: