

# **Graham Campbell Ferrum, 260 Geelong Road, West Footscray: HO128 Incorporated Plan**

This plan is incorporated in the Maribyrnong Planning Scheme under clause 43.01-  
Heritage Overlay and Clause 81 Incorporated Documents.

## **1. *Where the Plan applies***

The provisions of this Incorporated Plan apply to land at 260-262 Geelong Road, West Footscray which is covered by Heritage Overlay HO128.

This incorporated plan recognises that the foundry buildings and office building are the most significant elements on the site, while the overall significance is augmented by the continuing use of the site as a foundry.

The large **foundry** is constructed of an iron frame and corrugated galvanised iron cladding, forming an L-shaped structure with open sides and gabled roof ends facing Geelong Road and Geelong Street. Semi-circular roof-ridge vents identify the major foundry buildings, while smaller storage wings have simple pitched roofs without vents.

The two-story **office block** facing Geelong Road features a bichrome brick façade of cream and manganese bricks.

An **open yard** adjacent to the foundry is used for mould box storage.

The site is visually dominated by the foundry building. Passers-by on Geelong Road can still see the decades-old painted signage on the foundry gable and a view into the open-ended building to the travelling crane and supports inside.

## **2. *Purpose of the plan***

The purpose of this plan is to facilitate the ongoing use of the site as a foundry. This incorporated plan is prepared for the purpose of Clause 43.01-2 of the Scheme to exempt certain development, including demolition, from the requirement for a permit under the provisions of Clause 43.01 of the Scheme.

## **3. *Termination of the plan***

This plan only applies to the subject site while it is being used as a foundry. Once the founding operations cease or an application for changes to the site to facilitate another use has been lodged, this plan is no longer valid and the provisions of Clause 43.01 apply to the whole of HO128 without qualification.

Figure 1: Aerial image of 260-262 Geelong Road, West Footscray showing the boundary of HO128 and the location of the significant buildings.



#### **4. Statement of Significance**

The Graham Campbell Ferrum foundry is of historical significance to the city as one of the oldest operating and major foundries in the region. It was the largest private jobbing foundry in the western region in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The foundry complex demonstrates the relationship of office, foundry and sheds and demonstrates the industry and the type of work undertaken on the site. The complex is a dominant feature of the Geelong Road streetscape and is part of a group of important Moderne and other styled mid 20<sup>th</sup> century industrial complexes along Geelong Road. The contributory buildings are the office block and main foundry shed.

#### **5. Exemptions from Planning Scheme requirements**

- 5.1 For all of the land included in HO128, except for the main foundry shed and office block, no permit is required under Clause 43.01 of the Maribyrnong Planning Scheme:
- For emergency and safety works to prevent damage and injury to property and persons.

- For removal of extraneous items such as plant and equipment, external lighting, pipe work, ducting, wiring, etc and making good.
- To demolish or remove a building or element provided the building or element has been recorded to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- To construct a building or construct or carry out works.
- To externally alter a building.
- To externally paint an unpainted surface.
- To externally paint a building if the painting constitutes an advertisement.

5.2 For the main foundry shed and office block, no permit is required for:

- Emergency and safety works to prevent damage and injury to property and persons.
- Removal of extraneous items such as plant and equipment, external lighting, pipe work, ducting, wiring, etc and making good.
- Remedial treatment of corroded or contaminated elements.
- Recladding or re-roofing of the foundry shed only (this exemption does not apply to the office block)
- The erection of temporary security fencing, scaffolding, hoardings or surveillance systems to prevent unauthorised access or secure public safety which will not adversely affect significant fabric of the place including archaeological features.

5.3 The responsible authority shall be notified of any proposed exempt buildings and works prior to the works taking place. The notification will make reference to the relevant basis of the exemption as listed in 5.1 and 5.2 of this incorporated plan.

<b>6. Reference Documents</b>
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