

22.04 HERITAGE POLICY

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This policy applies to all land within a Heritage Overlay.

22.04-1 Policy Basis

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This policy:

- builds on the SPPF heritage objective in Clause 15.03 to local circumstances;
- builds on the MSS objectives in Clause 21.05-1 relating to local heritage conservation, and
- applies the findings of the Port Phillip Heritage Review, Volumes 1-6.

22.04-2 Objectives

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- To retain and conserve all significant and contributory heritage places.
- To discourage the demolition of significant and contributory heritage places.
- To ensure all new development and redevelopment of significant and contributory places is respectfully and harmoniously integrated with the surrounding character.
- To promote design excellence (in terms of building siting, scale, massing, articulation and materials) which clearly and positively supports the heritage significance of all Heritage Overlay areas.
- To ensure that new development and any publicly visible additions and/or alterations in or to a heritage place maintains the significance of the heritage place and employs a contextual design approach.
- To encourage development, in particular use of materials, that responds to the historic character of laneways and to minimise elements that adversely impact on that character.
- To ensure that reconstruction and repair of significant heritage bluestone kerb and channelling, bluestone laneways and significant concrete kerb and channel is carried out in a way that reflects as closely as possible the original appearance.

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General

It is policy to:

- Encourage the restoration and reconstruction of heritage places (including the accurate reconstruction of original streetscape elements such as verandahs) in all areas, and in particular, in intact or substantially consistent streetscapes in the South Melbourne, Albert Park, Middle Park and St Kilda West Heritage Overlay areas (HO440, HO441, HO442, HO443, HO444, HO445 or HO446).
- Encourage the removal of alterations and additions that detract from the heritage significance of a heritage place.
- Encourage new development to be respectful of the scale, form, siting and setbacks of nearby significant and contributory buildings.

- Disregard the impact of buildings that are obviously atypical to the character of the streetscape when determining the appropriate mass and scale for new buildings or extensions or upper storey additions.
- Encourage a contextual design approach for additions and/or alterations to a heritage place or for new development. A contextual approach is where the alteration, addition or new development incorporates an interpretive design approach, derived through comprehensive research and analysis. New development should sit comfortably and harmoniously integrate with the site and within the streetscape and not diminish, detract from or compete with the significance of the heritage place or streetscape character. This approach can include
 - Contemporary architecture and innovative design which is an important part of the contextual approach because it adds to the existing diversity and layering of styles through time. This layering is a defining feature in a number of areas and is therefore an important component of Port Phillip’s heritage.
 - Accurate reproduction architecture may be employed in limited instances where detailed evidence, such as photographic evidence, exists for that alteration, addition or new development. This approach may be more appropriate in the South Melbourne, Albert Park, Middle Park and St Kilda West Heritage Overlay areas (HO440, HO441, HO442, HO443, HO444, HO445 or HO446), but may have limited application elsewhere.

Additions and/or Alterations to Heritage Places

It is policy that:

- Additions and alterations:
 - Do not change the original principal facade(s) or roof.
 - Are distinguishable from the original parts of the heritage place to be conserved, if a contemporary architectural approach is used.
 - Are based on research that can identify the elements, detailing and finishes originally employed.
 - Do not obscure or alter an element that contributes to the significance of the heritage place.
 - Maintain an existing vista or viewlines to the principal facade(s) of a heritage place.
- An upper storey addition is sited and massed behind the principal facade so that it preferably is not visible, particularly in intact or consistent streetscapes (see Performance Measure 1).

Performance Measure 1

Upper storey additions may meet the above policy for siting and massing if the following measures, as appropriate, are achieved:

- They are sited within an “envelope” created by projecting a sight line from 1.6 metres above ground level (this being the eye level of an adult person of average height) to the front parapet or gutter on the main façade and taken from a point where the footpath meets the property line directly opposite the site, where the property has a frontage to a narrow street (5 metres or less) or laneway (illustration 1), or
 - They are sited within an “envelope” created by projecting a line of 10 degrees from the height of the base of the front parapet or gutter line on the main façade and extending to the rear of the heritage place (**illustration 2 or 3**), or
 - In exceptional cases where the heritage place is located in a diverse streetscape and the design of the proposed addition is considered to be an appropriate contextual response, they are sited within an “envelope” created by projecting a line of up to 18 degrees from the height of the base of the front parapet or gutter
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line on the main façade of the heritage place.

Illustration 1

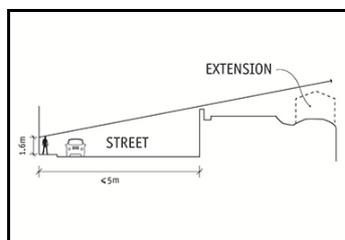


Illustration 2

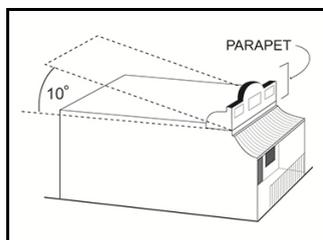
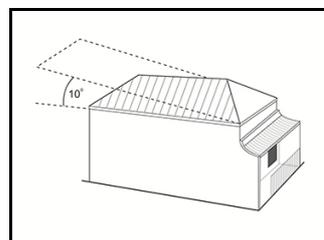


Illustration 3



- If visible from the front (principal) street, the roof of any addition is related to that of the heritage place in terms of form, pitch and materials.
- Where the property is located on a corner site, the upper storey addition is sited and massed so it is visually recessive from the front of the building, so that the scale of the heritage place is the dominant element in the front (principal) streetscape.
- In cases where the original heritage place has been altered, the previous alterations and additions are retained and conserved where they help to interpret the history of its development and they contribute to the significance of the heritage place.
- New openings in the principal facade(s) visible from the street are avoided, or if openings are visible, they are proportionally related to those of the heritage place.
- Walls, windows, roofs and fences are complementary to the heritage place in terms of materials, finishes, textures and paint colours and are appropriate to its architectural style.
- New development achieves environmentally sustainable outcomes, including upgrading existing fabric to reduce operational environmental impact of existing buildings, which is balanced with protecting the heritage significance of the site.

New Development in Heritage Overlay Areas

It is policy that:

- New development maintains and enhances an existing vista to the principal facade(s) of the heritage place, where a new development is adjacent to a heritage place (see Performance Measure 2).

Performance Measure 2

Buildings and works may meet the above policy for maintaining and enhancing an existing vista to the principal façade(s) of a heritage place if the following measures, as appropriate, are achieved:

- New development, with a significant or contributory heritage place on one adjacent site, has an equivalent frontage setback to the heritage place or a setback configuration that maintains a reasonable vista to the heritage place.
- New development, with a significant or contributory heritage place on both adjacent sites with differing setbacks, has a setback no greater than the largest setback and no less than the smaller setback.
- New development generally reflects the prevailing streetscape scale and does not dominate the streetscape or public realm (see Performance Measure 3).

Performance Measure 3

Buildings and works may meet the above policy for building scale if the following measures, as appropriate, are achieved:

- If located in a street which has a consistent building scale and adjacent to a significant or contributory heritage place, the height of the building is no higher than the roof ridgeline of the highest adjacent heritage place when viewed from the street, but may include a higher component to the rear; or
 - If located in a street with a diverse building scale, and adjacent to a significant or contributory heritage place, the height of the new building is of a scale and mass that respects both the adjacent heritage place and the prevailing scale of the area.
- Front and side setbacks reflect those of the adjacent buildings and the streetscape, where this is an important element in the streetscape.
 - Roofs respond to any predominant roof form characteristic of the streetscape.
 - Door and window openings are complementary to the prevailing streetscape characteristics. Large expanses of glass or horizontal windows are generally avoided in principal front facades except where this is considered an appropriate design response.
 - If it is a major development site containing a significant or contributory heritage place that is to be retained, the new development respects the scale and setting of the heritage place whilst responding to the prevailing building scale of the heritage overlay area.
 - Visible wall elevations of the new building are articulated in a manner that is complementary to the streetscape through the use of different materials, massing and the inclusion of windows and doors where appropriate.
 - Materials, textures and finishes complement those evident in the streetscape.
 - Colour schemes complement the appearance and character of the streetscape.
 - Front fences are appropriate to the architectural style of the building.
 - For a contextual approach, front fencing interprets the prevailing character of fencing in the immediate environs and in particular responds to prevailing fence height, degree of transparency, form and materials.

Demolition

Where a permit is required for demolition of a significant or contributory building, it is policy to:

- Refuse the demolition of a significant building unless and only to the extent that:
 - the building is structurally unsound;
 - the replacement building and/or works displays design excellence which clearly and positively supports the ongoing heritage significance of the area.
- Refuse the demolition of a contributory building unless and only to the extent that:
 - the building is structurally unsound, and either
 - the replacement building and/or works displays design excellence which clearly and positively supports to the ongoing heritage significance of the area, or
 - in exceptional circumstances the streetscape is not considered intact or consistent in heritage terms.
- Require all applications for demolition of significant or contributory buildings to be accompanied by an application for new development.
- Allow the demolition of part of a heritage place if it will not affect the significance of the place and the proposed addition is sympathetic to the scale and form of the place.

Car Parking

It is policy to:

- Discourage new vehicle crossovers in the front of a property with a narrow street frontage or in streets with few or no crossovers.
- Encourage new on-site car spaces to be located at the rear of the property or in a side setback area.
- Encourage carports, garages and outbuildings, if visible from the main street frontage, to have wall openings, roof forms and materials that complement the main building and the streetscape.

Laneways, Kerbs and Channels

It is policy that:

- Reconstruction of existing bluestone kerb and channelling occurs only when it is at the end of its useful life.
- Where an upper floor is proposed, it is incorporated into the roof space or stepped back from the laneway to reduce its bulk.
- There is zero setback from the laneway frontage (e.g. buildings / fences are built on the boundary line abutting the laneway).
- External materials are limited to those utilitarian materials common in the early periods of development, typically red face brickwork for walls.

Street Furniture

It is policy that:

- Street furniture, including seats, litter bins, bicycle rails and drinking fountains, are designed and sited to ensure that they are not obtrusive in the streetscape, do not adversely affect the heritage significance of an area, and do not obstruct the views to a heritage place.

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Application Requirements

It is policy to require all applications for development to be accompanied by:

A written report that explains:

- The design approach adopted and the reason why.
- How the proposed building and/or works will clearly and positively support the ongoing significance of the heritage place and promote design excellence.
- In the case of any proposed demolition:
 - Why the building is considered to be structurally unsound with supporting information to Council's satisfaction.
 - How the replacement building and/or works clearly and positively support the significance of the heritage place.
- In the case of any proposed addition/alteration, how the proposal is respectful to the scale, massing and form of the significant or contributory heritage place.

- In the case of new development, how the proposal will complement existing heritage characteristics and be respectful of and respond to the prevailing scale, form, siting and setbacks of existing significant or contributory heritage places in the vicinity.
- Whether the addition and /or alteration or new development has met the performance measure 1, 2 or 3, where relevant, and in the cases where these performance measures have not been met, how the proposal achieves the relevant policy.

Plans showing the following:

- Fully scaled and dimensioned elevations and floor plans.
- Where facade restoration forms part of the proposal, plans must be prepared at a 1:20 scale.
- Where demolition forms part of the proposal, demolition plans and elevations showing the extent of all buildings, fences, etc to be demolished.
- A three dimensional building envelope that shows the potential new building volume if all the opportunities and constraints have been considered.
- Fully scaled and dimensioned site plan showing existing and proposed circumstances including outbuildings, fences, significant vegetation, car parking, new cross overs, on-site parking space locations and any other noteworthy features.
- A photo montage of the streetscape.
- A streetscape elevation which shows the existing streetscape and how the proposal sits within the streetscape.
- Information which shows the form of the proposal from oblique views from neighbouring streetscapes where any part of the proposal will be visible.
- A landscape plan.

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Definitions

Heritage place is a place that has identified heritage value and could include a site, area, building, group of buildings, structure, archaeological site, tree, garden, geological formation, fossil site, habitat or other place of natural or cultural significance and its associated land.

Significant heritage places include buildings and surrounds that are individually important places of either State, regional or local heritage significance and are places that together within an identified area, are part of the significance of a Heritage Overlay. These places are included in a Heritage Overlay either as an area or as an individually listed heritage place and are coloured “red” on the City of Port Phillip Heritage Policy Map in the Port Phillip Heritage Review, Volume 1-6.

Contributory heritage places include buildings and surrounds that are representative heritage places of local significance which contribute to the significance of the Heritage Overlay area. They may have been considerably altered but have the potential to be conserved. They are included in a Heritage Overlay and are coloured “green” on the City of Port Phillip Heritage Policy Map, in the Port Phillip Heritage Review, Volume 1-6.

Non-contributory properties are buildings that are neither significant nor contributory. They are included in a Heritage Overlay and have no colour on the City of Port Phillip Heritage Policy Map in the Port Phillip Heritage Review, Volume 1-6. However any new development on these sites may impact on the significance of the Heritage Overlay, and should therefore consider the heritage characteristics of any adjoining heritage place and the streetscape as covered in this policy.

22.04-6 Incorporated Document

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Port Phillip Heritage Review – Volumes 1 – 6 (Version18, 2016) (includes the City of Port Phillip Heritage Policy Map and the City of Port Phillip Neighbourhood Character Policy Map).

22.04-7 Reference Documents

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Port Phillip Design Manual, 2000 including:

- Fishermans Bend Guidelines (Updated 2010)
- Garden City Guidelines (Updated 2010)
- Dunstan Estate Guidelines (2007)
- Heritage Kerbs, Channels and Laneways Guideline (2006)

Review of Heritage Overlay 3, Heritage Alliance (2009) & Built Heritage (2010).

Review of Heritage Overlay 1 Port Melbourne – Outcomes and Recommendations (Lovell Chen, July 2011)

Review of Heritage Overlay 1 Port Melbourne – Stage 2 Review – Summary Report (Lovell Chen, December 2012)

Fishermans Bend Heritage Study (Biosis Pty Ltd, 2013)

Fishermans Bend additional heritage place assessments (Biosis Pty Ltd, 2015)

Review of Heritage Overlay 1 Port Melbourne – Stage 2 Review – Summary Report (Lovell Chen, December 2012)