Statement of Significance: Woodfull Street Precinct, Prahran (June 2026)

Heritage Place:	Woodfull Street Precinct Prahran	**PS ref no:**	HO788



Figures 1-8: *Examples of residences included in the precinct (L-R, starting at the top) 3-5, 8-10, 15-17, 25-27, 31, and 35 Woodfull Street, Prahran* (City of Stonnington, August 2020).

What is significant?

The Woodfull Street Precinct, comprising a group of Victorian and Federation style dwellings on Woodfull Street and A'Beckett Street, is locally significant.

The precinct is predominantly characterised by contributory graded properties, with a small number of non-contributory properties. Refer to grading map for designations.

Character elements that contribute to the significance of the precinct include:

- The distinctive pattern of the 1886 Woodfull Street (formerly Wynnstay Grove) subdivision, and subsequent waves of development created by the group of freestanding and semi-detached Victorian, Federation and interwar era residences;
- A relatively high degree of intactness arising from two distinctive phases of development and relative absence of infill;
- The regularity and harmony of the freestanding and semi-detached Victorian era villas and cottages typically characterised by hipped and gabled roof forms clad with tiling or corrugated iron, profiled corbelled chimneys, weatherboard or brick materials, timber framed sash windows, decorative eave brackets, and front verandahs with cast iron lacework;
- The regularity and harmony of the freestanding Federation era building stock characterised by red face brick with horizontal bands of roughcast, front facing half-timbered gable ends with roughcast, hipped and gabled roof forms clad with tiling or corrugated iron, corbelled chimneys with chimney pots, triple casement windows- some with leadlight and verandahs with timber fretwork;
- The regularity and harmony of sympathetic interwar era building stock characterised by hipped roofs with terracotta tiling, timber framed windows and rendered finishes;
- The relative uniformity of allotments, siting, setbacks and building heights across the precinct;
- The retention of original bluestone kerbing and guttering along Woodfull Street; and
- The retention of some original and sympathetic low timber picket and brick fencing.

With the exception of contributory fencing and corrugated iron sheet roof cladding on some residences, later alterations and additions to the properties are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Woodfull Street Precinct is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

The Woodfull Street Precinct is historically significant as a substantially intact collection of working and middle-class Victorian and Federation housing stock that was erected in two distinct phases. Initially constructed to accommodate both middle-class settlement and the rapid increase of workers settling in the suburb during Melbourne's 1880s land boom, development within the precinct later resumed in the early twentieth century following the subsequent recovery of the 1890s economic collapse. Its varied architectural expression of middle-class Victorian villas on higher ground to the north-west and more modest semi-detached Victorian cottages and Federation dwellings on low lying ground to the east captures the developmental trajectory of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and illustrates the area's varied social demographic stemming from its sloping topography. (Criterion A)

The Woodfull Street Precinct is aesthetically significant as a visually cohesive streetscape primarily characterised by freestanding and semi-detached single-storey Victorian and Federation era dwellings, with a few interwar era dwellings. While the buildings are of varied architectural expression, they demonstrate an overall consistency through similarities in built form, building heights, allotment sizes and setbacks. The semi-detached Federation dwellings along the west side of Woodfull Street are also

particularly noteworthy as a highly cohesive strip of residences distinguished by the same materials, detailing, fenestration, and roof forms. These features, along with the retention of original and sympathetic low timber picket and brick fencing, and bluestone kerbing and guttering along Woodfull Street, combine to create a visually consistent and harmonious residential streetscape. The interwar development in the precinct is generally complementary to the earlier waves of development in terms of scale, form, and setbacks. (Criterion E)

Primary source

Prahran and Windsor Heritage Review (Extent Heritage, April 2024).

Precinct map



Gradings schedule

Street address	Grading
27 A'Beckett Street, PRAHRAN	Non-contributory
1 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
2 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
3 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
4 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
5 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
6 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory

7 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
8 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
9 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
10 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
11 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
12 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Non-contributory
13 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
15 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
16 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
17 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
19 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
21 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
23 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
25 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
27 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
29 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
31 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
33 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory
35 Woodfull Street, PRAHRAN	Contributory