Location:
260 Geelong Road FOOTSCRAY WEST, Maribyrnong City

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:
Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Number: HO128
Listing Authority: Maribyrnong City

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 20th 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 20th century industrial complexes along Geelong Road. The contributory buildings are the office block and the main foundry shed.

Statement of Significance from the Incorporated plan: Graham Campbell Ferrum, 260 Geelong Road, West Footscray: Ho128 Incorporated Plan.
Description

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 story office block facing Geelong Road features a bichrome brick facade 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.

Context: One of a number of Moderne and other styled mid 20th century industrial complexes along Geelong Road and in the West Footscray/Brooklyn vicinity.

Thematic context
Australian Principal Theme Manufacturing and Processing
PAHT Subtheme: Manufacturing and Processing
Local Theme Industry Consolidation

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