

St George's Church Precinct Statement of Significance (GML Heritage, September 2025)

Heritage Place:	St George's Church Precinct	PS ref no:	HO1434
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What is significant?

St George's Church Precinct in Parkville, comprising 1–5, 7 and 9, and 4–10 St Georges Grove and 20–24, 26–28, 30–32 and 34–40 Manningham Street, is significant.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include the:

- houses, flats and maisonettes constructed between 1929 and 1951, and
- expression of individual detailing and architectural styles across the group, which includes rendered brick walls, face brick detailing, tiled roofs, timber-framed windows and all extant chimneys; and
- consistent street setbacks; and
- fences at 20–24, 26–28 and 30–32 Manningham Street; and
- the double bay garages at 34–40 and 30–32 Manningham Street (fronting St Georges Grove), and 20–24 and 26–28 Manningham Street.

Non-original alterations and additions to the contributory buildings, including the carports at 1–5 and 7 St Georges Grove, Parkville, are not significant.

How is it significant?

St George's Church Precinct is of local historical and representative significance to the City of Melbourne.

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Why is it significant?

The St George's Church Precinct is of historical significance as evidence of a period of concentrated interwar and postwar residential development, associated with the subdivision of the former St George's Church (reserved in 1854). Following the subdivision in 1929, most residences were built by 1937, with the remaining undeveloped land built on following the Second World War, from 1946 to 1959. The St George's Church Precinct is distinctive within Parkville as the only example of an interwar residential subdivision. It is distinguished from the broader pattern of residential development in the locality, where interwar and postwar infill developments have been made within the established nineteenth-century residential precincts. (Criterion A)

The St George's Church Precinct is of representative significance as an intact group of dwellings that represent typical domestic architectural styling popular during the 1930s through to the early 1950s. While the residences express a lively sense of individuality through their mixed architectural style (Spanish Mission, Old English, Moderne, postwar vernacular aesthetic), and built form (single-storey houses, maisonettes, and double-storey flats), they share features typical of the era including hipped roof forms, rendered brick walls, face brick detailing, tiled roofs, timber-framed windows and chimneys (all of which are extant). The distinctive character of the precinct is enhanced by the retention of the consistent setback pattern, original car garages and fences. (Criterion D)

Primary source

Parkville Heritage Review (GML Heritage, October 2023)

Street	Number	Property Name	Building Category	Significant streetscape
Manningham Street	20–24		Contributory	Significant
Manningham Street	26–28		Contributory	Significant
Manningham Street	30–32		Contributory	Significant
Manningham Street	34–40		Contributory	Significant (applies to both frontages)
St Georges Grove	4–10	St. Georges Close	Contributory	Significant
St Georges Grove	1–5	Devon	Contributory	Significant
St Georges Grove	7		Contributory	Significant
St Georges Grove	9		Contributory	Significant