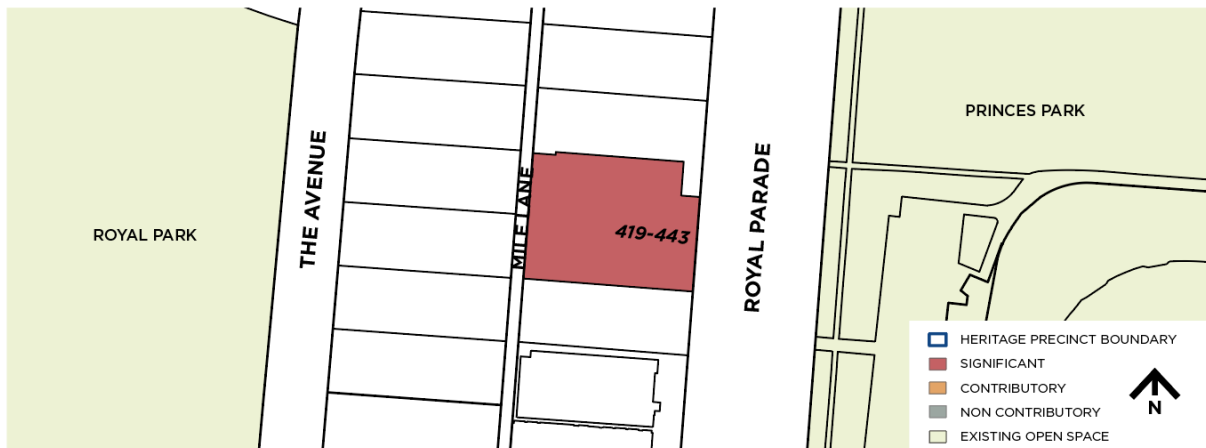


Former Motel Parkroyal, 419-443 Royal Parade, Parkville Statement of Significance (GML Heritage, September 2025)

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What is significant?

The former Motel Parkroyal at 419–443 Royal Parade in Parkville, built in 1960–61, is significant.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include the building's:

- original L-shaped plan and simple, box-like rectangular form; and
- offset grid of modular structural bays at the principal façade; and
- fenestration pattern, including large floor-to-ceiling clear glazed windows; and
- original common balconies; and
- distinctive arched-support entry.

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Later alterations made to the north elevation are not significant.

How is it significant?

The former Motel Parkroyal at 419–443 Royal Parade, Parkville, is of local historical and representative significance to the City of Melbourne.

Why is it significant?

The former Motel Parkroyal is historically significant for its association with the postwar domestic tourism boom, spurred by the increased accessibility and popularity of the motor car, which enabled people to travel across the country. Its planning approval in 1960 was a catalyst for debate within the City of Melbourne about the need for a planning policy on motels, and the increasing demand for this new form of visitor accommodation on major roads within the municipality. (Criterion A)

The former Motel Parkroyal is significant as a fine representative example of a postwar motel, which emerged to provide short-term or overnight accommodation for motorist travellers. Its position on Royal Parade (a major transport corridor), low-rise form, L-shaped plan and inward orientation of apartments towards an external common area are typical characteristics associated with this class of place. The former Motel Parkroyal is distinguished by its modular grid façade with large floor-to-ceiling clear glazed windows, and a distinctive arched-support entry, which became a signpost of the Parkroyal chain of motels designed by architect Theodore Berman. (Criterion D)

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