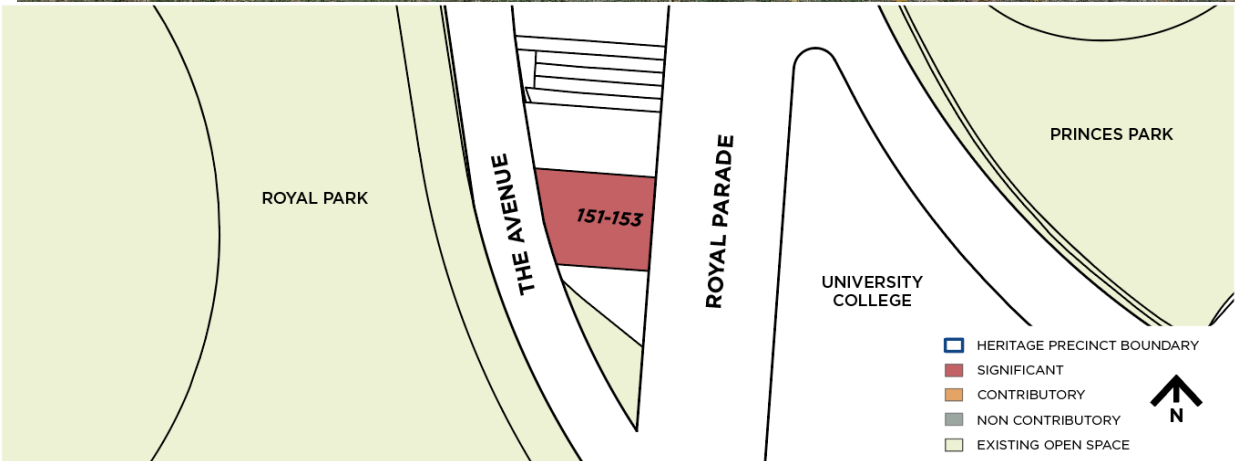


Parkville Tennis Club, 151-153 Royal Parade, Parkville Statement of Significance (GML Heritage, September 2025)

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What is significant?

The Parkville Tennis Club at 151–153 Royal Parade, Parkville, built in 1912, is significant.

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

- original setting of three tennis courts, arranged north–south across the site; and
- original 1935 clubhouse, including its built form and setting; and
- ongoing use of the site by the Parkville Tennis Club, continuous since 1912.

More recent alterations and additions to the 1935 clubhouse, and changes to the tennis courts such as court surfacing, lights, wire fencing and nets, are not significant.

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How is it significant?

The Parkville Tennis Club at 151–153 Royal Parade, Parkville, is of local historical and social significance to the City of Melbourne.

Why is it significant?

The Parkville Tennis Club is of historical significance as an early example of sport and leisure facilities in Parkville. Formed in 1904, and established at the current site in 1912, the Parkville Tennis Club has undergone material change to accommodate the ongoing use of the club by members, but retains the original setting of the three tennis courts and 1935 red brick clubhouse. The Parkville Tennis Club is distinguished from many of the early sporting groups, which established facilities in the neighbouring Royal Park, by being situated on a small pocket of residue Crown land on Royal Parade, which had been excised from Royal Park in 1868 for residential development. (Criterion A)

The Parkville Tennis Club is of social significance, for its ongoing use as a meeting place for sport and recreation for over 110 years. The Parkville Tennis Club continuous to have a strong and active membership who meet to host local tournaments and competitions. The facilities are also open to the broader community. While there are a number of tennis clubs in the neighbouring Royal Park, the ongoing use of the Parkville Tennis Club since the site's establishment in 1912 demonstrates the strong social significance of the place. (Criterion G)

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