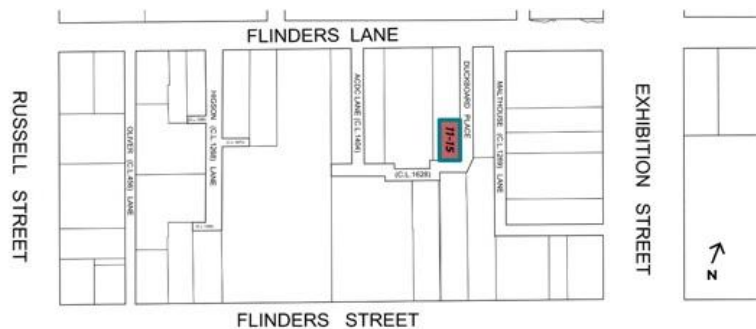


## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

**Heritage Place:** Warehouse



**PS ref no:** HO1267



### What is significant?

11-15 Duckboard Place, built c.1885-87 as part of the Corporation Yard for the City of Melbourne and subsequently used as a storage warehouse and manufacturing factory.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

- The building's original external form, materials and detailing;
- The building's high level of integrity to its original design; and
- Pattern and size of original fenestration, including segmented arched windows with bluestone sills and timber sash windows.

More recent alterations including a new door near the northern corner of the building is not significant.

### How it is significant?

11-15 Duckboard Place is of local historic and representative significance to the City of Melbourne.

### Why it is significant?

The building at 11-15 Duckboard Place is historically significant for its association with local government in the City of Melbourne from the late 1880s to 1906 and the manufacturing industry from the early 1920s. In c.1885-87, a corporation yard, including a store for council equipment and workshops for council staff, was constructed on the site for the Melbourne City Council. The current brick structure at 11-15 Duckboard Place is significant for its use as a warehouse/storage facility within the Corporation Yard, and as an early purpose-built local government building in the City of Melbourne.

11-15 Duckboard Place is significant for its use as a manufacturing facility for the clothing and textile trade that was focussed in the Flinders Lane area. From the mid-1920s to the 1940s, the building was used by Denniston and Co Pty Ltd, clothing manufacturers, an industry that employed high numbers of women. (Criterion A)

11-15 Duckboard Place is significant as one of the many warehouses and industrial buildings constructed in Melbourne in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries that demonstrate Melbourne's urban development pattern through to the 1940s. Built of traditional brick and of two storeys in scale with small windows, these warehouse buildings were once ubiquitous and still contribute to the human scale of the central city. The brick warehouse at 11-15 Duckboard Place is a notable example of the typology as expressed in its zero-lot setback, its laneway setting and its utilitarian two-storey form in red brick. 11-15 Duckboard Place is highly legible as small scale industrial building despite some changes to door and window openings. (Criterion D)

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