

## BRUNSWICK FIRE STATION AND FLATS



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1 brunswick fire station  
& flats blyth street  
brunswick side elevation of  
firestation

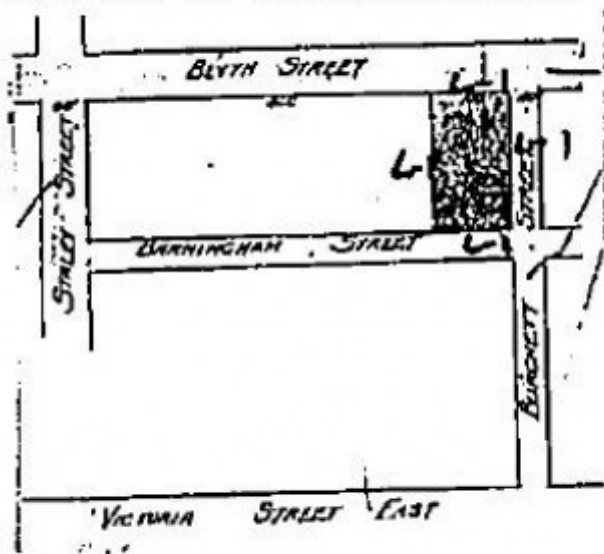


brunswick fire station &  
flats blyth street brunswick  
front elevation of fire station



brunswick fire station &  
flats blyth street brunswick  
view of flats

## EXTENT OF DESIGNATION



Plan 60#9775

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### Location

24 BLYTH STREET BRUNSWICK, MORELAND CITY

### Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

### Level of significance

Registered

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0916

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO26

### VHR Registration

May 6, 1992

### Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 27, 2000

The Brunswick fire station and flats, designed by the architectural firm of Seabrook and Fildes in 1936, the builders being 7 Mann PLI and opened in 1937, are historically and architecturally significant because: The Brunswick fire station and flats is the first fire station complex in Victoria which indicates the change in the architectural policy of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade from conservative period styling to the latest modern architecture from Europe. The Brunswick fire station and flats are a rare and perhaps the only example of a separate fire station building and flat block complex which forms its own residential precinct, indicative of modern urban planning then occurring in Europe in the 1930s. The significance of the complex is enhanced by its continuing use as an operating fire station.

The Brunswick fire station and flats are one of the most significant works of the noted architects Seabrook and Fildes, who are acknowledged as bringing European modern architecture to Victoria in 1934 in the form of Mac Robertson Girls High School.

The buildings are a fine example of the vocabulary of modern architecture derived from the work of Dutch architect Willem Dudok whose expertise with brick construction brought a new meaning to the concept of modern architecture and its exportability to countries such as Australia and Great Britain.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates      1936,

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Architect/Designer      | Seabrook & Fildes, |
| Heritage Act Categories | Registered place,  |
| Hermes Number           | 168                |
| Property Number         |                    |

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## History

Associated People:

## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 916.

Brunswick Fire Station and Flats, 24 Blyth Street, Brunswick

To the extent of:

1. The whole of the buildings known as the Brunswick Fire Station and Flats, marked B-1 on Plan 604977S endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. All the land marked L-1 on Plan 604977S endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council, being the land comprised in the Certificate of Title Volume 4696 Folio 939129.

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G15 17 6 May 1992 p.1082]

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*