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## House (rear)



25 Richardson Street,  
Brunswick

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### Location

25 Richardson Street (rear) BRUNSWICK, MORELAND CITY

### Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

### Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO556

### Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### What is significant?

The rear of the house at 25 Richardson Street, Brunswick is significant. The rear elevation of the house, inclusive of the L-shaped verandah and paint scheme, is significant. The front portion of the house and interior is not significant.

#### How is it significant?

The rear elevation of the house is of local social significance to the City of Moreland.

### **Why is it significant?**

The rear elevation of the dwelling is associated with the 1990 cult film, "Death in Brunswick". Set in Brunswick amongst the Greek community, the film forms an insight into multi-cultural Brunswick in the 1990s. As a result, it also has a special association with the post-war Greek migrant community. (Criterion G)

Heritage Study/Consultant Moreland Heritage Nominations Study, Extent Heritage, 2022;

Construction dates 1950,

Hermes Number 206634

Property Number

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## **Physical Description 1**

The subject site includes a single storey Victorian style dwelling fronting Richardson Street as well as a rear extension fronting Marks Street. As the heritage nomination is for the rear extension only, this physical analysis focuses specifically on this element.

The rear extension is a two-storey painted brick structure with a garage and a wrap-around verandah. The garage includes two timber doors with four large diamond shaped features. On the left hand side of the garage is a single timber door with six panels, and to the right of the garage is a pair of double timber doors with four panels each. The balcony on the second floor overlooks Marks Street, and is complete with painted timber pillars, decorative steel balustrades and a trestle constructed of reused galvanised plumbing. The trestle houses a large grape vine. To the side of the extension is a small courtyard.

The extension is painted in the colours of the Greek national flag. This colour scheme, as well as the colour scheme which was seen in the film 'Death in Brunswick', are in keeping with the heritage values of the place. Both are symbolic of the Greek migrant community.

The rear of the dwelling is located on a cul-de-sac at the end of Marks Street. It is framed by mature melaleuca trees and early 20th century residences, and prominently visible as one enters the street from Victoria Street.

## **Integrity**

- Repainting of the extension (since 'Death in Brunswick' was filmed in 1990)\*

It is noted that the rear extension is *itself* an alteration and addition to the original residence fronting Richardson Street. Only alterations and additions to the rear extension has been included here, as it is the focus of the heritage nomination. An assessment shows that the rear extension has moderate integrity overall, as compared to the building shown in the film, owing to the intrusive paint scheme

## **Physical Conditions**

The rear extension appears to be in good condition overall, though there is some evidence of spalling to the concrete door step and corrosion to some reinforced brickwork.

*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.*

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