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# SALVATION ARMY HALL



256 Albert St. Brunswick

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## Location

256 ALBERT STREET,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 5329

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO253

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Salvation Army Hall at 256 Albert Street, Brunswick.

How is it significant?

The Salvation Army Hall at 256 Albert Street, Brunswick is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

Of historic significance, as a Salvation Army Hall that has been constantly used for this purpose since its construction in 1884, that is, 120 years. Also for its continued association with the Salvation Army, the oldest organised Christian religion in Brunswick and for its early associations with the Salvation Army in Australia, the second outpost of the Salvation Army after the United States of America, and as an early permanent citadel for the Salvation Army in Australia that is still used for that purpose. (AHC Criteria A.4 & D.2)

Of aesthetic significance, as a good example of an early purpose-built Salvation Army Citadel, dating from the late nineteenth century, which although altered retains much of its original fabric. (AHC Criterion E.1)

Of social significance, as a meeting place and a place of refuge and assistance for the community for over 120 years, from its construction in 1884 to the present day. (AHC Criterion G.1)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; |
| Other Names               | Salvation Army Citadel, Salvation Army Barracks,   |
| Hermes Number             | 56131  |
| Property Number           |  |

## Physical Description 1

The Salvation Army Hall was originally erected in 1884 and was partially reconstructed after fire in 1928. The front elevation appears to be based on, or may cover, the original but has been remodelled when rebuilt in 1928. The side elevations appear to be original and date from 1884. The age of the building is indicated on the western elevation by the bluestone foundations, brickwork with stacking marks, and the five the flat-headed windows with bluestone sills . The southern end of the building is an unusual two storey section, which is only one room in depth. At the rear of the main hall is a second red brick hall.

The front facade is painted render and has a stylized notched parapeted gable. Within the gable-end is a large sign reading 'The Salvation Army Citadel' surrounded by a relief moulding 'frame'. The sides of the front elevation are terminated with relief quoining which is currently painted a different colour (grey) to the remainder of the front facade (cream).

The front elevation features a dominant central entrance, marked by a moulded round arch, supported by plain pilasters with stylised projecting 'brackets' and a plaque reading 'This Citadel was Reconstructed after being partially destroyed by fire, and opened by Commisioner H E Whatmore on March 31st 1928. In God is our Salvation. Wm Bramwell Booth, General.'

The entrance is flanked by pairs of narrow double-hung sash windows, in plain deep recesses, marked only by a stylised relief 'keystone' above each. Beneath each pair of windows is a plaque - the left plaque is plain, the right plaque dates to the opening of the building in 1884.

There is a new brick pier and steel(?) palisade fence to the front of the property on Albert Street.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Integrity

Altered

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