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## TERRACE HOUSES & FRONT FENCE



241-243 Victoria St  
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### Location

241 & 243 VICTORIA STREET,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 9791

### Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

### Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO503

### Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### *What is significant?*

The double-storey terrace houses at 241 and 243 Victoria Street, Brunswick, built in 1885-86, and the cast iron palisade front fences with bi-chrome brick pillars and side walls, are significant.

#### *How is it significant?*

The houses at 241 and 243 Victoria Street, Brunswick, are of local historical, representative and aesthetic

significance to the City of Moreland.

#### *Why is it significant?*

The houses are significant as a representative example of Victorian terrace houses, displaying the typical features of this style in Brunswick, including the bi-chrome brick facade and chimneys, a two-level verandah with cast iron posts, frieze and balustrades, the timber framed tripartite windows, and solid timber doors with decorative timber surrounds. Built in the mid-1880s, they illustrate the limited decoration that characterised houses of the pre-Boom period. The houses are distinguished by the less common undivided roof form, which demonstrates the lack of fire protection that endured well into the 1880s in Brunswick at a time when most other Councils had outlawed such buildings, and also for the original cast iron front fences, which feature unusually tall bi-chrome brick piers and side walls with deep ogee profiles. (Criterion D)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Moreland Heritage Gaps Study 2017, Context Pty Ltd, 2017; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990;
Construction dates	1885,
Other Names	Shared,
Hermes Number	56644
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## Physical Description 1

241-243 Victoria Street is a pair of brick two storey Victorian terrace houses. The pair is built of bi-chrome (dark brown with cream dressings) brick on a bluestone foundation. Situated on the south side of the street, it has a typically modest front setback and is built close to the side boundaries. The M-profile hipped roof is undivided and clad with corrugated iron and has decorative eaves brackets. There two bi-chromatic brick chimneys. The party walls feature corbels decorated with masks and are connected to the cast iron and bluestone front fence by sidewalls with deep ogee profile. The fence is notable for the exceptionally high bi-chrome brick pillars with rendered caps. The two-level verandah is supported on cast iron posts with an octagonal base and classical capitals and cast-iron frieze and balustrades.

The houses mirror each other; the front entrance of each features an original timber door, symmetrical sidelights and highlights and decorative timber surrounds. The ground floor blue stone verandahs have tiled floors (that of 241 appears to be a sympathetic replacement, but 243 is original). The window to the ground floor is a timber framed tripartite double-hung sash with barley-twist colonettes framing the window. The original first floor windows are timber framed double-hung sash French windows.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Integrity

Viewed from the street No. 243 is generally intact, while modifications to No. 241 include the overpainting of the face brickwork, the loss of one upper storey window, replacement of verandah tiles; and replacement of the cast iron balustrade and frieze to the first floor.

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