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# MORELAND PARK BUILDINGS (AUSTRALIA HOUSE)



Moreland Park Buildings  
(Australia House) - 148-164  
Sydney Road, Coburg

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## Location

148-164 SYDNEY ROAD,, COBURG VIC 3058 - Property No 38247

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO363

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Moreland Park Buildings (Australia House) at 148-164 Sydney Road, Coburg.

How is it significant?

The Moreland Park Buildings (Australia House) at 148-164 Sydney Road, Coburg are of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

Of historic significance for their associations with Montague Dare and the development of the Moreland Park estate, one of the most prestigious to be developed in Coburg during the land boom of the late 1880s. They demonstrate the optimism for future development that characterized the speculative development at that time. They also have associations with the centenary of European settlement of Australia, which is reflected in both the name and design of the building. (AHC Criteria A.4 & H.1)

Of aesthetic significance as a representative example of a Victorian Italianate shop row, which contributes to the historic character of Sydney Road. (AHC Criterion E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Moreland - City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Streetscape Study, Timothy Hubbard Pty Ltd, 1991;
Architect/Designer	Crouch, TJ,
Other Names	Shops,
Hermes Number	56881
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The Moreland Park Buildings (Australia House) at 148-164 Sydney Road, Coburg are nine two storey shop fronts which are altered at street level, including the removal of the original verandah, but are reasonably intact to the upper storey. The shops are late Victorian (1888) and are distinguished by the rhythm of the bays:

- 148 and 156 have an elaborate decorative parapet and three highly decorated round arched double hung sash windows each
- 150, 154, 158 and 162 have a simple parapet with a single segmented arch double hung sash window each
- 152 and 160 has a simple parapet with a single segmented arch double hung sash window
- 164 has a simple parapet with a pair of round arched double hung sash windows.

The building turns the corner at 164 Sydney Road. The building is rendered and painted, most of the shops are different colours. Urns along the parapet mark the division between shops.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Integrity

Minor Modifications

*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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