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# GIRGAREE HOUSE (FORMER)

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## Location

32 LORD STREET,, BRUNSWICK EAST VIC 3057 - Property No 3950

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO104

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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The former synagogue at 32 Lord Street, Brunswick, is of local historical and architectural significance. Historically, its significance derives from its connection with the Brunswick Jewish Community, which played an important part in the clothing and associated industries from the 1920s. It was home to one of only two Jewish congregations north of the Yarra. Architecturally, the building is a highly unusual composition with its dominating classical portico and keyhole arch window and door openings.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999; Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990;
Construction dates	1911,
Other Names	Brunswick Talmud Torah Synagogue & Sabbath School (former), Individual,
Hermes Number	59057
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## Physical Description 1

The former Synagogue is a single storey brick building. The walls are of face red brick with rendered dressings to openings and roof is hipped. It has a grand front portico with a heavy entablature supported on paired fluted Composite columns which stand on stone pedestals. The south (front) facade is symmetrical, with a central front door flanked by single windows. Window openings are horseshoe or keyhole arches, with moulded heads supported on recessed columns on stone pedestals which flank stone sills. Windows are generally timber-framed sashes. Two polygonal window bays protrude from the east and west elevations.

The original front gates and fence—predominantly iron pickets on a bluestone base, but with a patterned bichrome brick panel—sits immediately in front of a neat hedge. The front paving is concrete.

Internally the building has elaborate joinery in the hall and principal rooms.

Key Architectural Elements: extremely unusual Ionic front portico  
extremely unusual arched head windows  
original bluestone and iron picket front fence

Conservation Guidelines: reinstate missing column to portico  
reinstating missing volute to capital

Principal Historic Themes: association with stone quarrying industries  
permanent places of worship

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