
CUMBERLAND ARMS HOTEL

Location

337-341 Sydney Road, Brunswick VIC 3056 - Property No 91419

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO156

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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The Cumberland Arms Hotel is of local historical and architectural significance. The site has been occupied by a hotel-initially the first Cumberland Arms (c. 1858)-for more than 140 years. Architecturally, the extensive use of face brickwork in this building reflects the decline of the popularity of cement render decoration after the peak of the 1880s building boom.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990; Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;
Hermes Number	59099
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Physical Description 1

The Cumberland Arms Hotel is a two storey red brick building. The first floor facade comprises a series of six pairs of windows, alternatively rectangular and arched. Towards the centre of the facade a rectangular brick tower with a pyramidal slate roof topped with a delicate iron finial rises from a polygonal tripartite oriel window. The arched window pairs have moulded heads and keystones. Triangular pediments, decorated with horseshoe arched infilled with a pilaster pair surrounded by pyramid-faced brickwork, sit above the rectangular windows, which are framed by pilasters which rise through the frieze to flank the remainder of the parapet, which is balustraded. The rectangular windows have six-paned highlights; some of the original casement sashes remain. The northernmost bay of the facade extends over the former Martins Lane, which now provided access to the hotel's car park.

The ground floor has been completely altered. The face brickwork has been painted, and none of the original ornamentation exists. A cantilevered verandah (c. 1950s) has been added.

Key Architectural Elements: unusual face red brick and terracotta detailing to first floor facade
central tower with slate roof and iron finial
arched window openings with timber casements

Conservation Guidelines: reinstate original window and door openings, and surface treatments, to ground floor
reinststate original surface treatment of rendered mouldings and chimneys
remove cantilevered verandah
remove air-conditioning unit from first floor window

Principal Historic Themes: association with provision of entertainment and recreation facilities

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