
BRUNSWICK TRAM DEPOT

Location

807-827 SYDNEY ROAD,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 19644

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO171

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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The Brunswick Tram Depot is of local historical and architectural significance. The site has been associated with Melbourne's tram network since the construction of the cable tram depot in 1887. The architecture of the Brunswick Depot, with its abstracted classical facade, is unusual for its type.

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;
Other Names	Shops,
Hermes Number	59115
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Physical Description 1

The Brunswick Tram Depot is a complex of buildings between Sydney Road, Peveril Street and Cameron Street. The main depot building is to the south of the site, a three storey brown brick building with a Georgian facade. A wide projecting central section, rendered and painted white, has six round-headed arched openings, incorporating the ground and first-floor windows, which are separated by rendered panel with simple rectangular mouldings, which also occurs above the low plinth along the ground floor. The first floor windows have fixed glazing and appear to be steel-framed; the ground floor windows have six-paned double-hung sashes. One opening has a simple front door. At third floor level is a row of six small square windows above a Vitruvian scroll frieze. The arch spandrels are enriched with abstract moulded bosses. Apart from a rendered cornice to the parapet, the rest of the building is face brickwork.

To the north of this building is a row of shops, also in brown brick, with a face brick parapet. The shopfronts have been significantly altered. The remainder of the site, ringed by a high red brick wall with rendered coping, comprises tram sheds. The northern elevation, to Peveril Street, has a series of abstracted brick pilasters. Abutting it, on Peveril Street, is a single storey building, almost Moderne in style, with a long strip of small windows beneath a rendered string course.

Key Architectural Elements: face brick and render Classical Revival facade
three-storey building prominent landmark in Sydney Road

Conservation Guidelines: preferably reinstate original shopfront designs

Comparative Examples: Coppin Masonic Hall, 195 Weston Street, Brunswick

Principal Historic Themes: moving goods and people public transport system

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