
AUSTRALIAN LICORICE FACTORY CHIMNEY & FIRE TUNNEL REMAINS

Location

342-348 VICTORIA STREET,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 9705

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1289

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO183

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2008

This place is included on the Victorian Heritage Register (H1289) as a place of State significance. Please refer to the VHR citation for the statement of significance. The local statement of significance is as follows:

The chimney stack of the former Australian Licorice Co. factory is of local historical significance. It is a local landmark and a reminder of the licorice factory, which was well-known in Brunswick, particularly due to the licorice aroma which emanated from it.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990; Moreland - Northern Suburbs Factory Study, Vines, G and M, Churchward, 1992; Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;
Other Names	Liquorice Factory,
Hermes Number	59126
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Physical Description 1

The original Liquorice Factory complex comprises an assortment of buildings, most of red brick and single storey. The site is dominated by the tall octagonal red brick chimney stack which is ringed with iron bracing. It sits within the shell of the original boiler house, which is now disused. The present boiler house appears to date from the 1930-40s, post-dating the construction of the stack. The roughness of this concrete block building contrasts with the fine detailing and distinctively Edwardian styling of the stack. On the Victoria Street frontage, the original buildings have been entirely obscured by the long, low dark brown brick buildings built in 1970.

Key Architectural Elements: octagonal red brick chimney with iron bracing

Context: In the manufacturing zone between Sydney Road and the Upfield Railway Line where small manufacturers were established in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Condition and integrity: The boiler house is in poor condition although the chimney is intact and original. The brick sawtooth roof factory to the west, possibly contemporary with the chimney is in good condition. An original painted sign survives on the wall facing the railway station.

Comparative Analysis: While the sawtooth factory is typical of many factories of the period, the remarkable element of the site is the octagonal chimney. Only one other chimney in this form is known (that at the Melbourne City Baths). The cornice and bracket decoration give the liquorice factory chimney particular distinction.

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