
TEMPLE PARK



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Location

24 GRAY STREET, BRUNSWICK, MORELAND CITY

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO139

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - April 7, 2021

What is Significant?

Temple Park, Gray Street, Brunswick.

How is it Significant?

Temple Park, Gray Street, Brunswick is of local historical significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it Significant?

Temple Reserve is of local historical significance as an early park for the Brunswick area. It reflects the common

conversion of disused quarries to public open space in Brunswick in the early 20th century. (AHC Criterion B.2)
The park contributes to the heritage character and general amenity of the surrounding precinct.

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; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Moreland Heritage Nominations Study, Extent Heritage, 2022;
Hermes Number	59157
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Temple Park is a rectangular park surrounded by light industry and suburban development. The area was the site of a quarry that was then back filled to create the park, a common history for many parks in the Brunswick area. It comprises two central, slightly curving paths that dissect the park and converge towards the southern end. The paths are finished with a gravel surface and are apparently well used as a pedestrian thoroughfare between adjacent streets. Modern accretions include a playground, a small concrete basketball area, and treated pine log benches.

The dominant features of the park are the avenues of mature Elm (*Ulmus procera*) that follow the main pedestrian paths. They provide an effective sense of enclosure and contribute to the amenity value of the surrounding area. Other trees include a single Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*), as well as a number of Plane Trees (*Platanus x acerifolius*). A low-key garden bed has been established along the eastern boundary, and is generally unsuccessful, due to poor maintenance and replacement activities.

Potential Threats

Introduction of inappropriate plant species within the park, eroding its heritage value. Failure to replace senescent trees with the same species. Further introduction of inappropriately detailed and poorly sited construction works, such as the playground. Elm Leaf Beetle and Elm Bark Beetle are both serious pests of Elm trees, capable of causing major damage and even killing mature trees. As yet, Dutch Elm disease is not known in Australia.

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