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# HOUSE



685 Park St Brunswick



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## Location

685 PARK STREET, BRUNSWICK, MORELAND CITY

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO496

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1900

### *What is significant?*

The house at 685 Park Street, Brunswick, constructed in 1917, is significant. Non-original alteration and additions are not significant.

### *How is it significant?*

The house at 685 Park Street, Brunswick, is of historical, representative and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

### *Why is it significant?*

It is historically significant as a fine example of the substantial houses erected for prominent citizens along Park Street, which demonstrates its prestigious status as a residential address due to the proximity to Royal Park and Princes Park and the more desirable suburbs of Parkville and Carlton. This house, built in 1917, demonstrates the second wave of development following the re-subdivision of some of the original estates in the early twentieth century. (Criterion A) It is significant as an intact and well-detailed example of a Federation bungalow of the attic type with characteristic form and detailing simple symmetrical massing with a dominant roof clad in tiles with terracotta ridge capping and finials, a prominent gable with attic room set within the roof space, several tall chimneys with stringcourses and cornices and terracotta pots, a deep verandah that is enclosed by the main roof form, and a projecting portico with a low-pitched gable fronted roof with deep eaves and terracotta ridge capping. It is distinguished by its substantial scale and fine detailing, which includes paired Tuscan columns and the verandah beam, which is shaped with shallow arches or slight steps between the columns, red brick straight and arched balustrades with bullnose coping and cornices, the recessed, double entrance doors with large circular windows of mottled glass (this circular detail is carried through on the timber detailing to the solid lower panels of the door) and a highlight window with leadlight glass, and the flanking bow windows comprised of timber casements with highlights, both with leaded glass (those to the right feature swallows or bluebirds, while those to the left have floral motifs) with roughcast render above. The slightly elevated position within a generous garden setback also enhances the setting of the house and increases its prominence within the streetscape. (Criteria D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant Moreland - Moreland Heritage Gaps Study 2017, Context Pty Ltd, 2017;

Construction dates 1917,

Hermes Number 200908

Property Number

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## **Physical Description 1**

This is a substantial gable-fronted Federation attic bungalow, which is set behind a large garden and low brick fence (non-original). Like other houses at this southern end of the municipality (on the border with North Carlton), the scale and quality of decorative features establishes it as one of the grander properties in Brunswick.

The house is constructed of dark red brick and the steeply pitched roof is clad in clay tiles with ridge capping and a small finial at the apex and has deep eaves with visible rafters. The gable end has simple brackets and is clad in weatherboards and a timber window has enclosed the presumed originally open arched balcony. Below the gable, the tiled roof is continuous across the facade and extends to form the verandah, which is at a different pitch with hipped ends and a projecting portico with a low-pitched gable fronted roof with deep eaves and terracotta ridge capping. Paired Tuscan columns support the verandah and portico and the verandah beam is shaped with shallow arches or slight steps between the columns. The columns rest on red brick balustrades with bullnose coping and cornices, with arched balustrades between. There are several tall chimneys with stringcourses and cornices and terracotta pots.

The symmetrical facade features recessed, double entrance doors, flanked by large bowshaped windows on either side. The paired timber entry doors have large circular windows of mottled glass (this circular detail is carried through on the timber detailing to the solid lower panels of the door) and a highlight window with leadlight glass. The bow windows contain timber casements with highlights, both with leaded glass (those to the right feature swallows or bluebirds, while those to the left have floral motifs) with roughcast render above.

An area of garden at the rear of the property may date from pre-1917 and be part of the original formal garden at 683 Park Street. This was not able to be inspected from the public realm.

*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

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