

# Marion Avenue



Marion Ave Brunswick West (2)



Marion Ave Brunswick West (1)



Marion Road Precinct Map

## Location

1-23 & 2-24 MARION AVENUE, 197-207 HOPE STREET, 73-121 & 66-86 WHITBY STREET, and 58B MELVILLE ROAD, BRUNSWICK WEST, MORELAND CITY

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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### Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Marion Avenue Precinct, comprising houses and buildings at 197-207 Hope Street, 1-23 and 2-24 Marion Avenue, 71A-121 and 66-86 Whitby Street, and 58B and 61-71 Melville Road.

How is it significant?

The Marion Avenue Precinct is of local architectural and historical significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

The Marion Avenue Precinct is of local architectural significance as a consistently intact example of streets of Inter-War Bungalow style housing, with the greatest level of intactness in Marion Street. Many of the bungalows in Marion Street appear to be standard or nearly identical in design, suggesting the influence of a single builder or developer. Whitby Street also comprises mostly bungalows, with the notable exception of 19th century terraces at 97-99 Whitby Street, and a cottage at 91 Whitby Street. The former State Bank at 58B Melville Road and to a lesser extent the Moderne building at 71 Melville Road are focal points for this precinct.

The Marion Avenue Precinct is of local historical significance for its associations with dairying and grazing activities along the Moonee Ponds Creek, to the west of Marion Avenue. Jeremiah Flannery grazed both cows and goats along the Moonee Ponds Creek in the 1890s, and his descendants still owned land at the south-western end of Whitby Street in the 1950s. Marion Street was part of an early 1920s development, being first noted in the Sands and McDougall directories in 1920.

Non-Contributory properties include:

Marion Avenue: 4 and 17.

Whitby Street: 93 and 119.

Heritage Study/Consultant Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;

Hermes Number 56066

Property Number

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### Physical Description 1

Address: 197-207 Hope Street  
1-23, 2-24 Marion Avenue  
73-121, 66-86 Whitby Street  
61-71, 58B Melville Road

The Marion Avenue Precinct is a predominantly residential area, with a number of retail and commercial

properties in Melville Road. Many of the 1920s bungalows which comprise Marion Avenue appear to be a standard or nearly identical design, suggesting the influence of a single builder or developer. Whitby Street also comprises mostly bungalows, with the notable exception of 19th century terraces at Nos. 97-99, and a cottage at No. 91. The Precinct's housing is substantially intact, with many original fences having been retained in Marion Avenue. Original garden elements retained include the palm in the garden of Altona, at 6 Marion Avenue. Street plantings include mature ash trees in Marion Avenue, and small natives, including boxes and Callistemon in Whitby Street. Traditional street elements retained include bluestone kerb and guttering in Marion Avenue, and the bluestone gutter in Whitby Street.

Notable among the buildings in Melville Road is the former State Savings Bank (now Commonwealth; 1939) at No. 58B, a two-storey neo-classical brick building with a bluestone base and attached residence to the rear, and the former post office, a single-storey cream brick Moderne building at No. 71. The Edwardian shop at No. 69 retains its original shopfront and pressed metal verandah soffit.

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