
Grain Stores

Location

1-7, 9, 11-17 COLEBROOK STREET, and 35-37 TINNING STREET, BRUNSWICK, MORELAND CITY

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0705

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO50

HO77

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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The Melville Grain Stores complex is of state historical and architectural Significance. The complex is one of the largest of its type in Melbourne and provides substantial and evocative evidence of 19th century trade in grains. Its association with Donald Melville adds to its Significance.

The location of the stores adjacent to the railway line demonstrates the key role of the railways in the movement of essential produce, and this complex is a good example of a major enterprise established in this location due to the link to the railway line. Although most of the railway sidings have been removed, evidence of this link remains in the large entry doors.

Architecturally, the complex is an excellent example of the extensive and substantial use of bluestone, an important local building material.

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	Melville's Grain Stores,
Hermes Number	56116
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The grain stores is a complex of bluestone buildings. The walls of the buildings are constructed of coursed, random bluestone blocks and the large expanses of hipped roofs are of corrugated iron. Arched and rectangular openings are trimmed with simple dressed bluestone and two openings form large entries for railway trucks. The northernmost building has three arched openings dressed in red brick.

The links to the railway line are still apparent with two large entrances and parts of the rail sidings which provided access by rail trucks. Sidings from the line were common, and those across Colebrook Street into the grainstores, part of the southernmost of which still exists, were the last sidings remaining in Brunswick.

Key Architectural Elements:

coursed random bluestone construction
dressed bluestone sills and quoining
arched openings with dressed bluestone or red brick dressings

Conservation Guidelines:

Preferably reinstate windows and doors to original designs

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