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## FAIMAN FURRIERS (FORMER)



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### Location

443 ALBION STREET,, BRUNSWICK WEST VIC 3055 - Property No 15169

### Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

### Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO518

### Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

443 Albion Street, Brunswick West, built in 1924 for fur dyer and dresser Samuel Faiman, is significant.

How is it significant?

443 Albion Street is of local historic, representative and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

443 Albion Street is historically significant as part of the important textile and clothing industry in Brunswick's Interwar period. 443 Albion Street was built and operating as premises for the small niche market of fur dying and dressing between 1924 to the early 1950s. Historically 443 Albion Street is associated with three fur dying and dressing firms including Samuel Faiman (1924 - c.1935), Bardin, Rose & North (c.1935-1938) and T.E. Rose & Sons (c.1940 - c.1950). It is historically significant through its demonstration of the integration and multifaceted clothing industry in Brunswick during the Interwar period. (Criterion A)

443 Albion Street is significant for its demonstration of small scale commercial land use and belongs to a declining class of places; that of the clothing manufacturing industry in Moreland. Its principal characteristics are its building typology occupying the whole site with zero setbacks, its two-storey form and relatively plain brick facade. (Criterion D)

443 Albion Street is aesthetically significant for its contribution to the group of commercial premises at the corner of Albion Street and Melville Road. Its value lies in its relative authenticity with a highly intact upper floor featuring three windows and simple render detailing including a panel for business signage. Although some changes to the ground floor including boarding one window, painting of the brickwork and a steel roller door have reduced its integrity in part; it is still able to demonstrate a simple industrial aesthetic. The remains of business signage, probably relating to the 1950s adds to its aesthetic quality. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Moreland Heritage Gaps Study 2017, Context Pty Ltd, 2017; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Moreland - Northern Suburbs Factory Study, Vines, G and M, Churchward, 1992; Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990;
Other Names	Samuel Faiman, Furrier, Healings,
Hermes Number	56150
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## Physical Description 1

The former Healing warehouse at 443 Albion Street, West Brunswick is a two storey Edwardian/Inter War brick building with gable roof, concrete lintels to the steel framed windows, and galvanized iron clad section to the rear. The building drops down to a single storey section facing the rear ROW. There are traces of early signwriting on the front, sides and rear of the building.

Context: One of few industries in the predominantly residential West Brunswick area.

Condition: In good and original condition. Much of the early signwriting can still be discerned.

Comparative Analysis: Typical construction features of a simple inter-war factory.

Industry classification: manufacturing

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Integrity

Minor Modifications Although some minor changes have taken place to the exterior (painting, boarding up a window and a mobile phone structure fixed to the roof); 443 Albion Street is relatively intact and demonstrates its commercial origins with a relatively high degree of integrity.

## Physical Description 2

The commercial premises at 443 Albion Street are located within a small cluster of shops near the corner of Melville Road and Albion Street. The large site runs through to a bluestone paved lane at the rear. There are several parts to the large building which occupies the whole site with zero setbacks to the rear laneway and to Albion Street. 443 Albion Street is two storeys in height to the front and single storey at the rear.

The facade to Albion Street has a plain face brick facade with parapet and a rendered panel for signage with vertical render features to each side. Three sash windows are located on the upper floor, whilst the lower floor has a central large opening with roller door, plus a single door entry and boarded window. There are the remains of some business signage on the brickwork above the roller door, probably relating to the period of use as an electrical manufacturing business. The lower level has been overpainted whilst at the rear of the site a single storey red brick and rendered wall has two doorways. A simply shaped parapet hides the low-pitched roof.

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