
TERRACE

Location

233-239 BRUNSWICK ROAD,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 449

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO462

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The terrace at 233-239 Brunswick Road, Brunswick, constructed by Chivers & Gorer in 1888 for John Chivers is significant. The front fences and non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

The terrace at 233-239 Brunswick Road, Brunswick, is of local historical, representative and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

It is significant as evidence of the speculative housing erected in Brunswick during the 'Boom' period of the late 1880s and especially of the grander houses built in the more salubrious southern end of Brunswick on the main thoroughfares of Brunswick Road and Park Street, close to the Carlton/Parkville border and parklands. (Criterion A)

It is significant as fine and well-detailed example of a Victorian era terrace row in the Italianate style. The terrace has typical form and detailing including the ornate balustraded parapet, with a decorated pediment centred over each dwelling and ball finials; a dentil cornice below the parapet and a two-level cast iron verandah, which retains much of the original delicate cast iron frieze and brackets, and cast iron fluted verandah posts with Corinthian capitals, and tessellated tile floors. Of note is the treatment of the ground floor facade, which features banded rustication, deep rendered hood moulds and impost moulds around window and door openings, and deeply

recessed four panelled timber entry doors with side and highlights. (Criteria D & 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 - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990;
Construction dates	1888,
Other Names	Houses,
Hermes Number	56227
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This terrace row of four double storey masonry dwellings is located on the north side of Brunswick Road in Brunswick. The row is set back from the street behind small gardens and varying front fences (all non-original).

Each house has identical features, mirrored as two pairs. Projecting wing walls separate each house and are decorated with rendered scroll brackets at each level and a ball finial at the top of each wall. An ornate balustraded parapet runs across the whole terrace, with a decorated arched pediment centred over each dwelling flanked by ball finials. A dentil cornice runs below the parapet. The parapet conceals a hipped roof on each house.

The two-level cast iron verandahs have corrugated iron roofs (nos. 237 & 239 retain what appear to be the original ogee profile, while the others are convex profile) retain the original delicate cast iron verandah friezes, panel balustrades (some missing, see below) and verandah posts (fluted, with Corinthian capitals), and tessellated tile floors.

The walls are rendered, and the ground floor features banded rustication, and deep hood moulds and impost moulds to the segmental arch windows and deeply recessed entrance doors. Each dwelling has a four-panelled timber door with side and highlight windows.

Integrity

As a row, the terrace displays a relatively high level of intactness. Alterations and missing details include:

- . 233: Missing sections of balcony balustrade and missing frieze to balcony. Convex profile to verandah
- . 235: Convex profile to verandah. First floor verandah balustrade and frieze partially missed (though some pieces appear to be stored on the balcony).
- . 237: Glass around entry door replaced with non-sympathetic glass, balcony balustrade replaced/missing, some balusters missing from parapet.
- . 239: Missing finial to top of arched pediment.
- . All: front fences replaced, glass in front door sidelights and highlights mostly replaced

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