TERRACE HOUSES





16-18 Glenlyon Rd Brunswick

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Location

16 & 18 GLENLYON ROAD,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 2929

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO476

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 25, 2003

What is significant?

The terrace houses at 16 and 18 Glenlyon Road, Brunswick, built c.1878, are significant. Non-original alterations and additions and the front fences are not significant.

How is it significant?

The terrace houses at 16 and 18 Glenlyon Road, Brunswick, are of local historical, representative and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

Historically, they are among the oldest surviving houses in this part of Brunswick and provide rare evidence of the development of Brunswick in the period prior to the development boom of the 1880s. (Criterion A) They are significant as representative examples of mid-Victorian era terrace houses. This is demonstrated by the simple form and plain detailing, almost completely devoid of the elaborate applied ornament that came to characterise the houses of the late Victorian period. The bi-chrome brickwork detail is also quite restrained when compared with the bold intricate patterns seen in later examples. Also notable is the unusual semi-detached form with small side setbacks to the front section of the houses (later terraces were usually built out to both boundaries) and the tall and ornate terracotta chimney pots with crown tops. (Criteria D & E)

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

Heritage Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Moreland -

Study/Consultant Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation

Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990;

Construction dates 1878,

Other Names Pair, Shared, 1870,

Hermes Number 56371

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Physical Description 1

This is a pair of early single-storey and semi-detached Victorian bi-chrome brick houses. Situated on the south side of the street it has a modest front setback and is built close to the side boundaries.

Typical of early (c.1870s or earlier) semi-detached houses, the pair has an undivided M-profile hipped roof. The roof of No 18 is clad with slate, whereas No 16 has been reclad with corrugated iron. Each house is single fronted, mirroring each other with the front section having a small setback to the side boundary. The walls are of dark brown brick with cream bricks forming a simplified decorative quoin pattern around the windows, doors and blind arches and ends to the wing walls. The front doors are timber with a highlight and bluestone step, and the double-hung sash window is timber framed with a bluestone sill. The concave corrugated iron verandahs are contained within wing walls, also with a shallow concave profile and with cement corbels with a cross pattern. There are three bi-chrome brick chimneys (two to No. 18 and one to No. 16) topped with tall and elaborate terracotta chimney pots with crown tops.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Viewed from the street, the form is intact, but some alteration to the detail has occurred. The side elevations, as well as the facade of No. 16, and the side wall of No. 18 have been overpainted, resulting in a loss of the bichrome pattern. The roof has been partly reclad in cast-iron (No. 16), and it appears as if No. 16 has lost a chimney - originally having two like its counterpart. The modern high metal fence of No. 18 and the brick fence of No. 16 are both recent additions and are not sympathetic to the style of the house.

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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