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## YORKSHIRE TEXTILE MILLS (FORMER)



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### Location

2-4 INVERNESS STREET,, BRUNSWICK EAST VIC 3057 - Property No 18735

### Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

### Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO514

### Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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### *What is Significant?*

The former Yorkshire Textile Mills at 2-4 Inverness Street Brunswick East, and constructed as the Melbourne Motor Bus Co. garage in 1913, added to in 1916 and again in 1926, is significant. 2 Inverness Street appears to contain the structure of the former motor garage which predates the use of the site for textile manufacturing.

### *How is it significant?*

The former Yorkshire Textile Mills at 2-4 Inverness Street Brunswick East, is of local historical, architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

### *Why is it significant?*

Historically the Yorkshire Textile Mills is significant as one of the many textile manufacturers operating in Brunswick during the interwar period - estimated in the 1930s to number 63 different businesses. The site is historically significant from 1913-1916 as the location for the short-lived Melbourne Motor Bus Co. From 1918 the site is significant as the Yorkshire Textile Mills, a supplier of worsteds and cotton tweeds to the clothing manufacturer and 'pioneer of the clothing trade' James Denniston & Co. Pty Ltd. (Criterion A)

The Yorkshire Textile Mills is significant as an Interwar industrial building and belongs to a declining class of places, that of manufacturing industry in Moreland. Its principal characteristics are evident in the two buildings occupying the corner of Albion and Inverness Streets that comprise a gable roofed timber and iron building that may contain part of the structure of the former motor garage; and a brick and iron sawtooth roofed factory. (Criterion D)

The Yorkshire Textile Mills is aesthetically significant for its distinctive facade to Inverness Street comprising render panels, red and clinker brick walls with simple brick detail, steel-framed windows and doors, and featuring distinctive signage of the period. This facade and the building at 4 Inverness Street is significant as an early work of the architect Alec S. Eggleston who later went on to found the highly influential architectural practice of Eggleston McDonald & Secomb in 1954. (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;
Construction dates	1913, 1926,
Other Names	Factory,
Hermes Number	56450
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The Yorkshire Textile mills complex at 2-4 Inverness Street, East Brunswick comprises a small group of brick and corrugated iron buildings. The southern section appears to be slightly earlier and has multi-paned timber windows along one wall. The Inverness Street frontage is of red brick with steel windows. The northern section has a high parapet disguising a saw tooth roof.

### Context:

In a predominantly residential area, but close to the major concentration of small textile factories in Lygon Street.

Condition and integrity:

In fair condition and substantially intact.

Comparative analysis:

The use of the corrugated iron-clad structure is unusual for a textile factory suggesting modest capital in the firm's beginning, leading to a more solid brick facade added once the company was established and profitable.

## **Physical Conditions**

Fair

## **Integrity**

Minor Modifications

## **Historical Australian Themes**

Historical associations: Textile Industry

## **Physical Description 2**

The former Yorkshire Textile Mills at the corner of Albion and Inverness Streets in Brunswick East is built to the boundaries of the site, including that of the rear lane. The whole complex is located within a residential area and the buildings are currently vacant. The complex comprises two distinct building forms, including a gable roofed building at 2 Inverness Street and two bays of a sawtooth roofed factory at no.4.

The brick frontage to Inverness Street, although appearing to be built in two sections at different times, is consistent in its use of red face brick and render panels with steel framed industrial windows. This is highly likely to be the 1926 alterations. The corner building comprises a red and clinker brick facade to Inverness Street. This features a band of unpainted render with 'Yorkshire Textile Mills' on a faded sign set in a clinker brick 'frame'. Steel framed windows and metal doors are typical industrial components.

The brick facade to 2 Inverness Street may conceal the structure of the earlier 1913 building operated by the Melbourne Motor Bus Company, however it is unclear how much may remain. At 4 Inverness Street, a further part of the complex also features a red brick facade with wide cement rendered band to the parapet. The roofline features a clerestorey window to allow south light. Steel framed industrial windows are set between brick piers into the factory floor. The roof is of galvanised iron with a series of roof lights. To the Albion Street side the building is clad in a combination of vertical timber and brickwork.

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