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# HOUSE



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## Location

5 LAURA STREET,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 5007

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

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## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The house at 5 Laura Street, constructed by 1893 by John and Samuel Duffell, and the Edwardian verandah is significant. The cast iron palisade fence on a bluestone plinth is also significant. Non-original alterations and additions (made after 1945) to the house are not significant.

How is it significant?

The house at 5 Laura Street, Brunswick, is of local representative and aesthetic significance to the City of

Moreland.

#### Why is it significant?

It is significant as a modestly sized but finely executed example of a Victorian Italianate villa, with characteristic asymmetrical form with a projecting bay, a M-hip roof clad in slate with bracketed eaves, and brick chimneys with deep moulded cornices and complemented by a cast iron fence with bluestone base. It is notable for the bold and dramatic patterning created by the bi-chromatic brick to the walls and chimney, and also for uncommon details such as the colonettes to the tripartite window, and the pointed arch wall niches. Also, while the verandah is not original, it is nonetheless of note as a fine and well-detailed example of its type with paired turned timber posts grouped in pairs, and a timber frieze with turned spindles, interspersed with square panels with a clover motif between the double posts. (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	1892,
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## Physical Description 1

5 Laura Street, Brunswick is a single-storey Victorian Italianate dwelling with a narrow garden setback behind a cast iron palisade fence, set on a bluestone plinth.

Asymmetrical in form, the house has a hipped roof clad with slate with a projecting hipped bay. The bi-chromatic brick walls are constructed of dark bricks with pale cream bricks used to create bold patterning in the walls and chimneys, which have rendered bases and heavy rendered cornices. The paired eaves brackets and stringcourse (constructed of moulded bricks) are also in pale cream. The chimneys also feature cream brick detailing and has a wide moulded capping.

The separate corrugated iron bullnose verandah appears to be a later addition/alteration; more Edwardian in style than Victorian, and most likely replaced the original verandah in the early twentieth century. It has paired turned timber posts grouped in pairs, and a timber frieze with turned spindles, interspersed with square panels with a clover motif between the double posts. The floor is tiled with bluestone edging. Being owned by a builder, and later a carpenter, it is possible this update was done by the owner to 'show off' the latest style.

The projecting bay has paired round-headed arched windows, with double hung sashes. The other main window is a tripartite form with double hung sashes and colonettes that are part fluted and twisted. Bluestone sills (overpainted) are used on the main facade windows. Flanking the tripartite window underneath the verandah are pointed-arch niches with rendered ledges. The timber front door appears to be original with decorative timber surrounds and sidelights and highlights.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Integrity

Besides from the altered verandah, the house appears substantially intact, distinguished by its fine brickwork and complemented by the front fence.

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